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REDS CONVERGE ON LANCHOW

Advance Against Moslem Capital Unopposed

FIGHTING NEAR HENGSHAN

General Inspects Guard Of Honour

See Little Hope Of Saving South Korea From Reds

Washington, August 11. Some Congressional sources today claimed the United States Government has come close to "writing off" South Korea, believing it may follow China as the next victim of the Communist sweep in Asia.

Administration officials will not go so far in their statement on the situation. However, they admit that the disintegration of the Chinese Nationalist Government placed the Republic of South Korea in peril.

Canton, August 11. Communists armies under the command of General Peng Teh-huai and General Nih Yung-chun are rapidly converging on Lanchow, provincial capital of Kansu, it was learned officially in Canton today.

Claim 240,000 In Uprising Against Reds

Canton, August 11. A Nationalist Army spokesman said today an uprising involving some 240,000 men had developed in the Red-controlled provinces of Honan, Hupeh and Anhwei.

General Teng Wen-yi, the spokesman, said Communist military in the recently conquered provinces caused the revolt. Other reasons for the uprisings were ruthless requisitioning of men and excessive requisitioning of food, he said.

Teng said the rebels possessed about 100,000 rifles. In one Hupeh mountain area alone the rebels control 15 districts, the spokesman said.

The rebels are aiding the Nationalist cause by disrupting Red transport and communication lines, Teng said.—Associated Press.

The Communist advance on this North West China front has been virtually unopposed for the past two days.

They are advancing on Lanchow from two directions and have reached points approximately 110 miles East and South East of the Kansu capital.

Lanchow is the Moslem stronghold and an important town on the highway linking China with Soviet Russia.

The Nationalist Government military spokesman confirmed today that General Nih's 62nd and 63rd Armies had successfully captured the 2,700-foot Lo' Pan Shan and occupied Tziching, 110 miles East of Lanchow.

General Peng's 1st Army, after occupying Tungwei, is advancing North Westward with Lanchow as the objective.

At the same time, other forces under the command of General Peng are advancing Southward from Tientsin, have occupied Hualien. They are fighting their way toward the Szechwan-Shensi-Kansu border region.

Fighting North Of Hengshan

On the Hunan front, General Lin Piao's Communist troops continue to pour across the Lu River and heavy fighting is said here to have taken place North of Hengshan.

There is no important change in the situation in this area, according to Chinese reports.

The Chinese press in Canton this morning said that four Nationalist armies trained in Taiwan have been transferred to the Central China front.

General Pai Chung-hsi, Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Central China forces, is reported here to have made an inspection tour of Hengshan.

On the South Kiangsi front, Kanchow, 230 miles North East of Canton, is still in Nationalist hands, according to the military spokesman.

There is no further report of the fighting in the outskirts of Kanchow.

Pai Transfers Headquarters

General Pai Chung-hsi has transferred his main headquarters from Hengyang to Kiyang 50 miles South West of Hengyang. He continues to maintain a field headquarters at Hengyang.

This was reported in today's "Ta Kung Pao," which added that members of his staff had been sent to Chung-hsi, on the Hunan-Kwangsi railway, inside Kwangsi province.

The same paper claimed that four armies from Taiwan had been rushed to the defence of Hengyang. The strength of these armies was not announced and their transfer lacked confirmation from Chinese military sources in Canton.

Earlier, it was reported in the Chinese press that troops from Hainan Islands had been brought to the mainland to assist General Yu Yan-mou's forces on the North Kwangtung border.

The removal of General Pai Chung-hsi's headquarters to Kiyang tends to confirm the recent reports circulating in Canton to the effect that his army—estimated in some circles at 200,000 men—will withdraw South Westward down the Hunan-Kwangsi railway rather than toward Canton.

Elsewhere on the central China front, there is little change.

Shaoyang, which for a short spell was the seat of the Hunan Provincial Government, does not appear to have been occupied by the Communists. The provincial capital has now moved to Chikiang in West Hunan. Chikiang was one of General Chenault's air force bases during the war.

JAPS TOLD TO RETURN SHIP

Tokyo, August 11. General MacArthur's Headquarters today ordered the Japanese government to return the Panamanian freighter, the "Munomura," to its pre-war owners through the Panamanian Government representative in Hong Kong.

The 3,500-ton vessel was seized by the Japanese government in 1941 and later sunk by Allied aircraft in Japanese waters. The occupation authorities had ordered it to be raised and restored in anticipation of today's restitution order.

At the same time, General MacArthur's Headquarters announced an order for restitution of the 600-ton Chinese freighter, the "Teng Lee," to the Chinese government at Takao, Taiwan.

Similar restitution orders for various maritime equipment belonging to Chinese shippers was also announced.—United Press.

JAMES STEWART MARRIED

Hollywood, August 11. Movie star James Stewart—one of the film capital's most eligible bachelors—was married late on Tuesday to Gloria Hatrick-Metz in a quiet ceremony. Stewart, 34, is a former football player and a former Marine. He is 41, the bride 31.—Associated Press.



Tibet's Dalai Lama Proclaims Religious War Against Reds

London, August 10. The 12-year-old Dalai Lama of Tibet, the most powerful spiritual influence in vast Central Asia, has proclaimed a religious war against Communism, reliable sources said today.

The youthful temporal and spiritual ruler of Tibet summoned more than 100 of the "living Buddhas" who serve under him as High Priests and called on them to pray for the deliverance of his spiritual domain in Central Asia from the encroaching Communist hordes.

Horoscopes were consulted and in the stars the living Buddhas read a warning that Tibet's isolation from the world would be violated unless the swelling tide of the unbelievers was stemmed.

Red Ship Sunk By Nationalists

A Chinese Communist commercial vessel was believed to be the victim of an attack by a Chinese Nationalist warship on Monday evening near Taku Bar, off Tientsin.

The ship, it was reliably learned from well-informed local sources, last night, was fired on and sunk. She was one of five ships in Communist waters which were ordered to leave the Nationalist Navy by the naval craft.

No British ship was involved in the incident, it was further learned.

Reuter reported from London yesterday that the master of the 7,000-ton Panamanian steamer Atlantic Trader, radioed that a Nationalist Navy officer with 12 armed men boarded his ship and ordered him to leave Taku Bar and the North China Coast immediately, on Monday morning.

"I returned to follow development, for there were four other vessels at anchor nearby," the master reported.

One of the ships was attacked and sunk by the warship, at 5.30 p.m. that day.

The ships left after a warning that the Nationalists "would not otherwise be responsible for the consequences."

Tientsin Bottled Up

Official government reports from Formosa said the Nationalist blockade had effectively bottled up the big Northern city of Tientsin, adds Associated Press.

The reports said Nationalist gunboats captured 18 vessels and lighters owned by foreign firms and 12 armed men. The vessels were taken to Tientsin. The dispatch did not give the ownership of the vessels. It said the haul included one small steamer, two tug boats and four lighters captured and nine lighters sunk.

A news dispatch from Formosa said a gunboat captured a Communist vessel in the mouth of the Yangtze, seizing seventeen Red soldiers and several British and Russian seamen.

Lieutenant-General Sir John Harding chats with a soldier while inspecting the guard of honour provided by the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at Queen's Pier yesterday after his arrival.

At extreme left is the G.O.C.-in-C. Lieutenant-General F. W. Festing—"China Mail" Photo.

General Harding Visits HK

Lieutenant-General Sir John Harding, KCB, CBE, DSO, MC, who succeeded General Sir Neil Ritchie as Commander-in-Chief, Far East Land Forces, arrived in the Colony yesterday for a four-day tour of inspection here.

The general was received at Kai Tak by a large party of high military officers including Lieutenant-General F. W. Festing, Major-General E. F. F. and Air Commodore A. D. Davis.

General Harding inspected a guard of honour provided by the R.A.F. Regiment (Malaya).

Speaking to the press party, General Harding said that this was his first visit to the Colony and that he was glad to be here.

At Queen's Pier, a guard of honour drawn from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders complete with tartan and bagpipes gave an impressive welcome.

General Harding will leave by plane on Tuesday, returning to Singapore.

SAILORS MAN MELBOURNE TUGS

Melbourne, August 11. Sailors of the Royal Australian Navy today manned all tugs in Melbourne to beat a "black" ban by the Seamen's Union of ships importing coal needed for essential services during the nationwide coal strike.

The Navy men today braved an overseas freighter carrying a cargo of Indian coal.—Reuter.

EVACUATION OF FILIPINOS

Manila, August 11. The Foreign Office today instructed the Legation branch in Canton and the Consulate in Amoy to order the immediate evacuation of all Philippine nationals, including non-essential diplomatic and consular dependents, in those two cities in view of the worsening military situation.—United Press.

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The administration's position, as outlined in confidential talks with Congressmen, is that South Korea has a bare chance of survival if granted US\$150,000,000 of American aid this year but practically none at all without it.

The Korean aid bill at present remains unacted upon by either the Senate or the House although the Foreign Affairs Committee of both bodies recommended that it be approved.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson was asked flatly during a recent hearing on Korea why the United States wished to give assistance to that country when it believed China was beyond hope. He replied the United States considered there was some hope of saving South Korea.

Mr. Acheson's remark was made even before the State Department's White Paper revealed the extent of United States disillusionment with nationalist China's chances.

Further Earth Shocks Hit Ecuador Town

Quito, Ecuador, August 11. Strong earth shocks were reported last night in already ravaged Ambato, centre of the area struck by a series of disastrous earthquakes last week.

A radio broadcast from Ambato said the remaining inhabitants of the town were panic-stricken as a few houses, weakened by previous tremors, collapsed. The broadcast did not say whether there were any new casualties.

The Government estimates that 6,000 persons were killed last week. Witnesses reported the little village of Libertad and its surrounding fields sunk 1,600 feet down into the earth last week.

The town, with a population of about 100 persons, just disappeared. Where it once stood is a gaping hole a half mile in diameter and 1,500 feet deep.—Associated Press.

CHURCH TO DEFY CZECH GOV'T

Prague, August 11. The Catholic Church has decided to defy the Communist Czechoslovak government by proceeding with the installation of two new Bishops next Sunday, a well-informed source said today.—United Press.

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The Weather

At 0800 GMT (3 p.m. HKST) the tropical storm now centred about 400 miles NE of Manila is moving NW at 10 knots. Pressure is low over Central China and over Indo-China. The ridge over Japan is weakening and a trough is developing between it and the Pacific anticyclone to the S and E.

Today's Forecast: Moderate South Easterly winds, scattered showers with fair periods.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 89.1 deg. F., Minimum 79.5 deg. F., Rainfall 8.0 inches.

Rainfall 1.6 mm. (0.06 in.) Total since Jan. 1—122.0 mm. (4.81 in.) as against an average of 166.9 mm. (6.57 in.)

Readings at 10 a.m. & 4 p.m.

	10 a.m.	4 p.m.
Bar. at sea level	1009.8	1008.0 m.b.
Rel. Humidity	83	88 %
Wind Force	12	17 km/hr.
Wind Direction	S by E	S by E
Wind Force	4	4 knots
Time	31	31
High	1016	1016
Low	1010	1010
Mean	1013	1013

Caroline Moller Returns From Towing Anchises; Tug Fired On Twice

More Premises Requisitioned

Four flats and a garage at No. 610 Kimberley Road are among the additional premises requisitioned by the Quartermaster yesterday for the Army. The other places are a small building and land on Lots Nos. 846, 712 and 779, near Castle Peak, and a vacant piece of land at On Lok Road (Lots Nos. 1433/71-74).

Reminders

Today
HK Light Orchestra concert, rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 7 p.m.
European YMCA Council meeting, 8 p.m.
Crown Land Sales, District Office, Taipei, 11:30 a.m.
Lecture on "The Land and the People of Great Britain" by Mr. R. Bruce at Chinese YMCA, Bridge Street, 8 p.m.
Coming Events
TOMORROW
Kowloon Gramophone Society concert, Diocesan Boys' School, 8:15 p.m.
Beach House at Silverstrand Beach, European YMCA, 2:30 p.m.
SUNDAY
The H. Club, Classical Concert, 10, Macdonald Road, 8:45 p.m.
HK Art Club, sketching party, members to a club (for those details from Mr. Nobilis, Tel. 30709).
Beach House, Silverstrand Beach, European YMCA, 2:30 p.m.

Quarry Foreman Charged

A quarry foreman, Lim Fat, was charged before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday with obtaining money under false pretences from the Government.
Defendant pleaded not guilty. According to the prosecution, defendant on July 13 obtained \$53.55 from the Government by pretending that one Lok Sun was employed by the Public Works Department as a stone-breaker, and another \$44.44 by pretending that one Kwok Kung was employed by defendant. Defendant was also said to have made false entries into the Rubble Production Books belonging to the Government.
Several witnesses, including Detective Sub-Inspector P. Lowe, who arrested defendant, gave evidence today.
Sub-Inspector Lowe said that on the receipt of information, he visited the Lok Un Quarry, Hong Kong, Kowloon, on July 13, and searched defendant's pockets. He then found the money, purporting to be wages for some other workers, and the Rubble Production Books in defendant's pockets.
The case was adjourned till today, when more witnesses are expected to be called. Mr. A. Shaw, Assistant Superintendent of Police, prosecuted.

DEATH

ENAGON, Felicitas de Paula, aged 72 (grandmother of Alex Mendonca) at St. Paul's Hospital on Thursday, August 11, 1949. Funeral service will be held today, August 12, at Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley. Cortege will pass the monument at 6 p.m. Mueco and Manila Papers please copy.



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(By Our Harbour Reporter)
The salvage tug Caroline Moller returned to the Colony yesterday after towing the Blue Funnel ship Anchises, which was bombed by Nationalist planes on June 22 at Shanghai and subsequently beached, from the Whangpoo to Kobo.

This marked the successful completion of an unprecedented agreement reached after weeks of negotiations between Butterfield and Swire, agents for the owners, and the Chinese authorities both at Canton and Shanghai—the Nationalists providing naval escort and the Communists permitting the Anchises to clear port in tow.

HMS Hart stood by off Woosung until the British vessels passed out of the Whangpoo safely.

The Ss. Glengyle, en route from Hong Kong to Kobo, accompanied the Anchises and Caroline Moller for two days off the Korean Coast.

Captain C. A. Roussett, British salvage and towage expert, joined the Caroline Moller at Shanghai to supervise the operation. Except for two occasions when the tug was fired at from shore—once off the Chusan Islands and again while anchored off Woosung en route to Kobo—the towing operation went on, to quote the veteran China Coast expert, "excellently, with the personnel of the Caroline Moller giving their best."

It was partly because of the splendid co-operation of Mr. R. B. Lee, tug master, that we succeeded in our task under such trying conditions," said Captain Roussett, who is going Hong Kong for the first time in nearly nine years.

Operation Described
In an interview aboard the tug on her arrival yesterday morning, Chief Officer Ian W. Mathieson, of Edinburgh, Scotland, described the whole operation.

"We were operating in the Philippines on general towing and salvage work since July 9 when we left Hong Kong," the former RNLI lieutenant said. "Instructions reached us late in July to tow the Anchises to Japan, and we proceeded on July 22 for Tanghai, off the Chusan Islands, to meet the Nationalist Navy escort as was pre-arranged. The Caroline Moller reached Tanghai on July 20 successfully avoiding typhoon 'Gloria' which was then about 100 miles ahead where a Nationalist naval officer and a pilot boarded the tug.

"We were given instructions to paint a big white letter 'M' on the aft and forward decks to serve as identification for Nationalist aircraft. We were to use special flares and signal lights should the aircraft fail to recognise the sign or during an emergency," Chief Officer Mathieson recollected.

There were about 10 Nationalist destroyers and destroyer escorts in the vicinity. "The naval authorities were very co-operative and decent to us. We stayed a day just studying the environs before we eventually proceeded under the escort of a Chinese LSM for Shanghai on July 25," he said.

Recalling an amusing incident, Chief Officer Mathieson remarked that the Caroline Moller, which was going 14 knots, had to slow down and travel at nine knots to keep pace with the LSM. About 50 miles from Tanghai they anchored at Fairway Buoy, from where the Caroline Moller had to proceed to Shanghai on her own.

It was at Fairway Buoy that she met HMS Hart. On July 29, the tug reached Woosung about 20 miles from the Anchises. A Communist pilot boarded the tug and took her alongside the Holt's Wharf Shanghai at 10:49 a.m. on that day.

About four hours later the tug was in towing position on the starboard quarter of the British steamer, which had patched her hole on the portside with wood and cement and was then upright on her keel.

Red Restrictions
"No one was permitted to land at Shanghai. The Communist police, customs and soldiers searched the tug from top to bottom and caused the personnel much inconvenience regarding 'passports'. Chief Officer Mathieson revealed. "We obtained only about 65 tons of fresh water from them. The Nationalists gave us food at Tanghai."

"The authorities were very inquisitive about the movements and strength of the Nationalist Navy. But we did not know much about it and did our best to convince them of our ignorance."



Well-known towing and salvage expert, Captain C. A. Roussett, second from right poses with his wife, officers of the Caroline Moller, and the tug's crew mascot aboard the vessel on her arrival here yesterday from Kobo. Seen third from left is Chief Officer Ian W. Mathieson, of Edinburgh, Scotland. ("China Mail" Photo).

Supreme Court Hears Dispute Over Tenancy

Mr. D. A. L. Wright, defence counsel in the action at the Supreme Court involving a dispute over tenancy between two business partners, in opening the defence yesterday, declared that—contrary to plaintiff's claim—the tenancy in dispute never formed part of the partnership agreement.

Plaintiff, Chu Shut-suen, alias Sui Cheong-tong, merchant, of 101 Jervois Street, is claiming for a declaration that any right of title possession by plaintiff and defendant in the tenancy concerned formed part of their partnership property.

Chu is also claiming for interest, and accounts to be submitted by the defendant in respect of their partnership in the Lee Cheong Hong firm.

Mr. Justice Williams, Senior Puisne Judge, is hearing the action. Plaintiff is represented by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. S. N. Quinn of British and Company; Mr. Wright for the defence on the instructions of Mr. P. J. Gillies is defending Mak Ching, merchant, of 17 Connaught Road West, first floor, the premises in dispute.

The statement of claim says that a plaintiff entered into a verbal agreement with Mak in October 1947 for the purpose of carrying on a business in merchandise at the said premises in the firm name of Lee Cheong Hong. Plaintiff claims the tenancy was and still is held under the firm name, and that no fixed term was agreed upon for the duration of the partnership. It was dissolved by consent about July 31, 1947.

Alternatively, if defendant has caused the right of plaintiff to be lost by his actions, plaintiff also claims damages. Defendant's case on the other hand is that plaintiff never lived at the 17 Connaught Road West, and that no verbal agreement was entered into between the parties in October 1947, but in December 1945.

Mak claims he is solely entitled to the tenancy which never at any time formed part of the partnership assets. **Returned From Macao**
Opening his case, Mr. Wright told the Court that his client returned to Hong Kong after the liberation from Macao and found the premises concerned from the landlord through the latter's agent, one Mr. Fong, who was living at the premises at the time.

Defendant entered into the premises in October 1945, shortly after which he brought his family over from Macao. Mr. Wright stated that Mak would produce the rent receipts for November and December 1945, which were in his name. About November 1945, Mak went to Canton. While there on business he met a friend, one Mr. Fong, who introduced him to the plaintiff. On Mak's return to the Colony, he came upon plaintiff in the train. There defendant handed his calling card with his address to the plaintiff.

Some time afterwards, Mr. Wright went on, plaintiff called to see Mak at his address. Some discussion then took place at which it was decided to form a partnership.

This partnership, commenced on January 1, 1946, the suggestion of plaintiff, Mak went to the landlord's agent and changed the name in the receipts from his own name to that of the firm named. To facilitate book-keeping, it was also agreed upon for the firm to pay the rent.

Counsel went on to say that his client, however, did not inform the landlord's agent that he was forming a partnership with anyone, as he thought it would lead to certain difficulties.

After several months, as a result of the agreement, it was decided that the front portion of the premises should be used as the firm's office. "Defendant made it quite clear that he was not intending the tenancy to be a partnership," Mr. Wright asserted. "Only the front portion was to be used."

He went on to state that right from the start to the finish, from October 1945 to July 1947, the plaintiff paid the defendant a "rent" of \$100 per month. "The partnership was dissolved in April 1947," plaintiff alleged. His brother-in-law, the latter thereafter had access to the accounts of the firm. The partnership went right through 1947, at the end of which the plaintiff, Mak, was still the partner, and could not recognize them as

Sad Tale Of The Tug's Mascot

A sad tale brought back by personnel of the Caroline Moller on their arrival here yesterday was that of Judy, the tug's chow mascot, and her eight pups.

Judy gave birth to eight brown how pups on July 1 on her arrival here from the South after attempting to assist the stranded British ship Inelmark.

The Caroline Moller left for Gulian in the Philippines on general towing and salvage operations a week later.

It was there that Judy died a natural death in the middle of July.

Two pups were given away to shore friends. En route to Shanghai with instructions to tow out the Anchises two more died.

On her arrival here yesterday the survivors were seen running morrily inside an improvised tunnel below the bridge on the port deck.

Each has a godfather to take care of him. Whenever possible their officer-godfathers take time off to play with the chows.



Mr. Thomas Bready

Mr. Thomas Bready, has been appointed to be Airport Traffic Supervisor for Pan-American World Airways at Hong Kong. Mr. Y. A. Oldham, Assistant District Traffic Manager, Hong Kong, announced yesterday.

Thirty-six-year-old Mr. Bready was formerly Traffic Supervisor at San Francisco. Mr. Bready arrived in Hong Kong yesterday from Tokyo.

Increasing Clipper passenger-traffic in Hong Kong has made it necessary for the company to bolster its passenger service personnel. The establishment of the new supervisory position will greatly increase efficiency and speed of service," Mr. Oldham said.

Mr. Bready gave up a promising career as athletic coach at a college in Canada to enter the travel business. Following three years as head football coach at Stansfeld College, Quebec, where he was twice champion, Mr. Bready joined Thomas Cook and Son Travel Agency as cruise director. For six years he conducted tours to virtually every country in the world, gaining on-the-spot experience.

Shortly before the war he was employed by Pan-American Airways on the Gold Coast, Africa. He joined the American Army in Africa and after serving with distinction for four years, he resumed his career with Pan-American Airways.

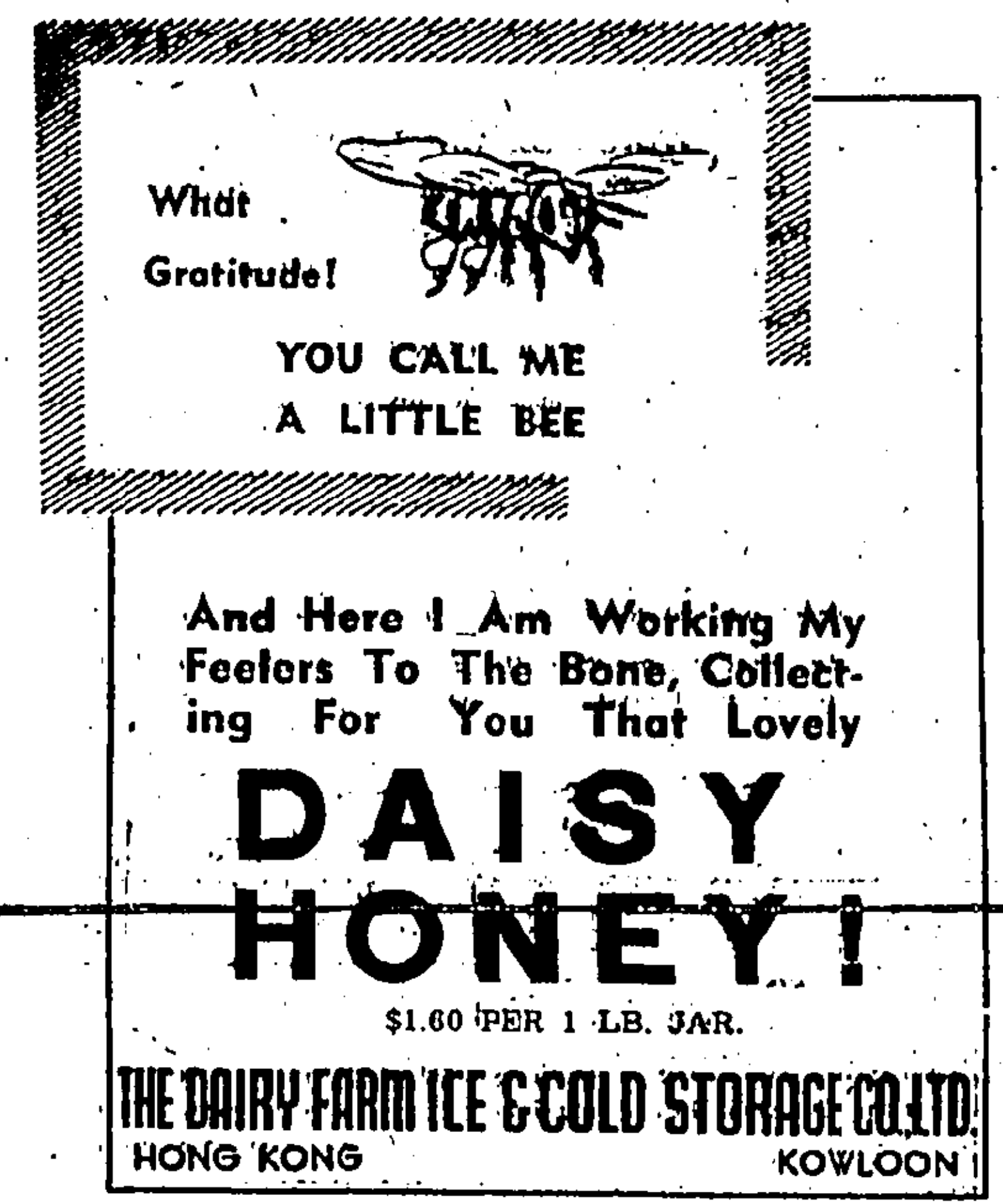
Mr. Bready will be followed to Hong Kong by his wife and six-month-old daughter, Barbara, who live in San Mateo, California.

EXCEEDED SPEED LIMIT

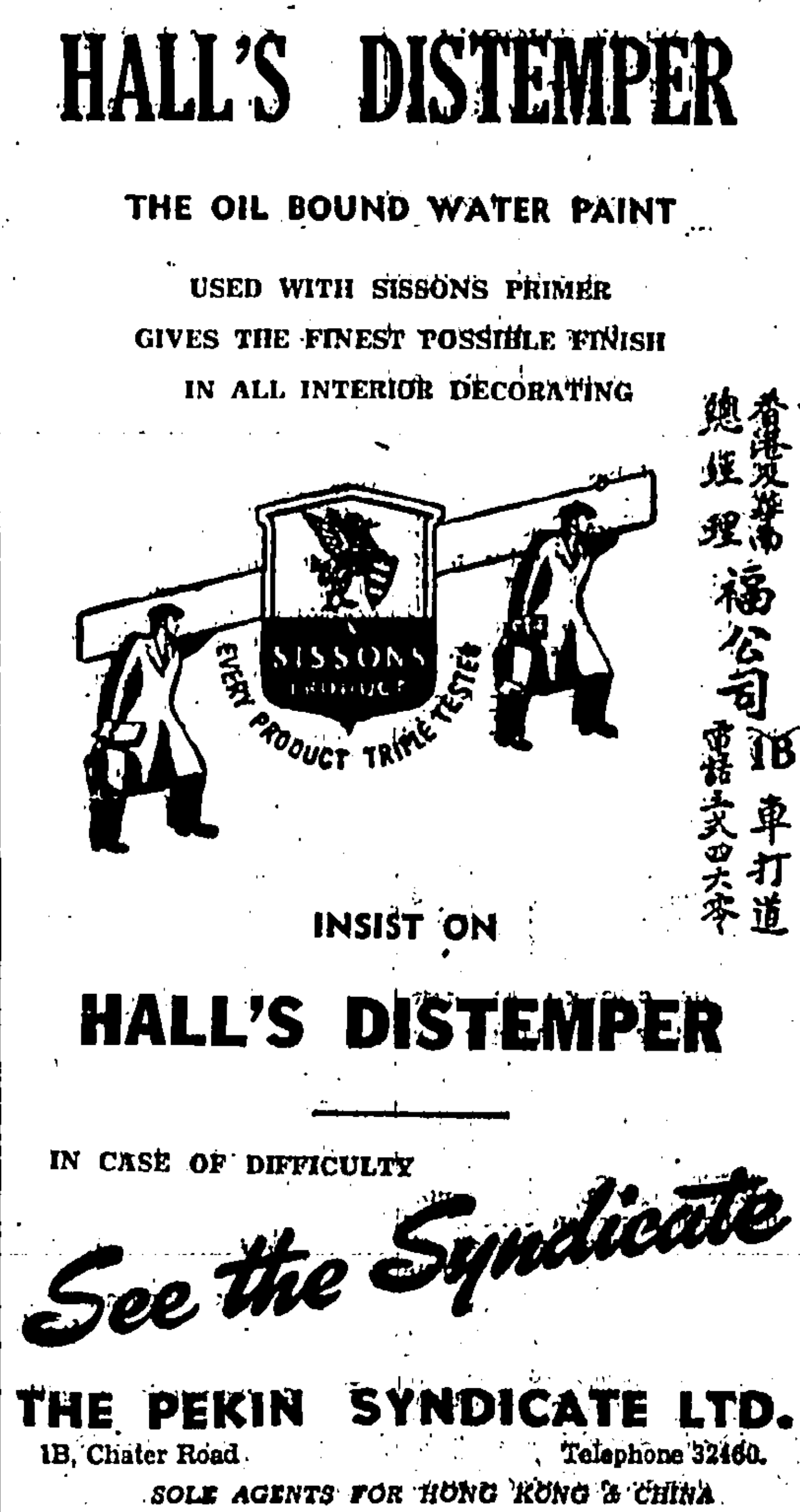
For driving his car over the 30 mile-per-hour speed limit, A. Christopher was summoned before Mr. J. Wicka at Kowloon yesterday.

He was fined \$15. Another European who was also summoned for driving a vehicle over the speed limit, was J. G. Tobias. He was fined \$30 for driving his car at 20 mph in Gascogne Road towards Austin Road.

A Chinese driver who overtook another car and then suddenly cut in front of the second car thus causing a slight collision between the two vehicles on Hoi Yee Road (p. 1, June 5), was fined \$65. Two summonses for driving without due care and attention and failing to report an accident



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2. Place of Licensing
All Licensing will take place at Central Police Station, Hollywood Road, Ground floor, with entrance from the main door in Hollywood Road.

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Tuesday	23rd	4801 — 6000
Wednesday	24th	6001 — 7200
Thursday	25th	7201 — 8400
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Monday	29th	9601 — 10800
Wednesday	31st	10801 — 12000
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Thursday	8th	18001 — 19200
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August 9, 1949.

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	Motor Cycles	501—1000
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Man Dies From Rabies After Puppy's Bite

A bite from a six-week old locally-born puppy resulted in the death of a 41-year-old Chinese shroff from rabies, it was officially learned yesterday.

Two other adults have died following symptoms of rabies, during the past 10 days.

It was learned that there has been a new outbreak of rabies among animals on the Mainland.

The shroff, Cheung Hing-chu, was bitten on the finger by a puppy which he bought in Hong Kong. Ten days later he died.

The puppy in the meantime was given away to a friend. The friend later reported that the puppy had died in Chinese territory.

The source from which the puppy contracted the disease has not been traced.

Court Resumes Hearing Of Pawn Ticket Case

John Love Spencer, aged 19, charged with stealing \$1,500 and a pawn ticket from his sister, gave evidence when the case was resumed before Mr. Hing-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

Robert Ngai, second defendant, who was charged with receiving stolen property, pleaded not guilty and was represented by Mr. J. C. Stewart.

Ngai was alleged to have pawned a diamond ring for first defendant at the Lee Sang Pawn Shop in Queen's Road Central, after Spencer had first redeemed it from another pawn shop.

Submitting that there was no case for his client to answer, Mr. Stewart said that second defendant admitted straight away that he had pawned the ring for first defendant, and that there was nothing unusual in his client giving another name and address.

Defence counsel further submitted that what was stated in the charge was that second defendant had received the ring knowing it to have been stolen.

What was stolen was the pawn ticket and not the diamond ring. The submission that there was no case to answer was overruled by the Magistrate.

Spencer, in evidence, said that Ngai was his good friend. He admitted that he had taken \$1,500 and a pawn ticket referring to a diamond ring. The ring which was redeemed by himself, was handed to Ngai two days after the alleged theft. Spencer took the money and the pawn ticket without the consent of his sister, the complainant.

Spencer further said that he considered the \$1,500 was part of the estate left to the children including himself and complainant, by his parents.

The diamond ring, Spencer said, was his mother's property, which was pawned by his mother before her death. After the death of his mother, complainant kept the pawn ticket.

After cross-examination by the prosecution, the case was adjourned to August 13.

Detective Sub-Inspector V. M. Morrison conducted the case for the prosecution.

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Washington, August 10.

The Export-Import Bank has refused to grant a loan to Spain, Mr. Herbert E. Gaston, the Bank's Chairman, told the Senate Banking Committee today.

Mr. Gaston said that some time ago a Spanish banker, Senor Andreas Moreno, on a semi-official visit, talked with Bank officials about the possibility of a loan. But the Bank considered the prospect of repayment for purposes outlined by the banker as rather remote.—Reuter.

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CARNIVAL

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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

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LOVE'S LABOUR LOST

SHAKESPEARE'S famous title can be fitted to certain bridge deals. Sometimes the most cunning of skill in the bidding finds a pair in a contract which it can't possibly make—due to the location of certain specific cards in the hands of the opponents. Slambank, sledgehammer bungling by some rival pair may produce the better result on such a deal. When this occurs, the strong-arm bidder puffs up his chest over the "superiority of natural bidding," forgetting the countless times his brute force has been thwarted by the raptier thrusts of more skillful rivals.

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H 7 6 4 2
D 7 3
C 8 7 6 5
S Q J 10
H K Q J
D 10 9 8 5
C A 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

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picked the spade 5 for his opening lead, the gift trick with the 10 made it easy for East to take twelve tricks—two in spades, two in hearts, six in diamonds and two in clubs.

At Table 2, the bidding developed beautifully. East's jump of 3-Diamonds showed his playing strength, just under an opening two-bid, and his subsequent bid of spades then made clear that he had six cards in the diamonds and four in spades. West then Blackwooded logically, being ready for 7-No Trumps if East's replies showed three aces and three kings, or small slam with any of those cards missing. The first answer, showing only two aces, caused him to settle for small slam in No Trumps.

Now, here was the hard luck. North led a spade. As you can easily see, that made it impossible for the declarer to avoid losing off a trick in each major, with not even a chance to try for a squeeze.

Tomorrow's Problem
S J 6 4
H K J 10 7 3
D J 10 8 2
C 3
S K 3 2
H 2
D A 6 5 4 3
C A K 9 4

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable).

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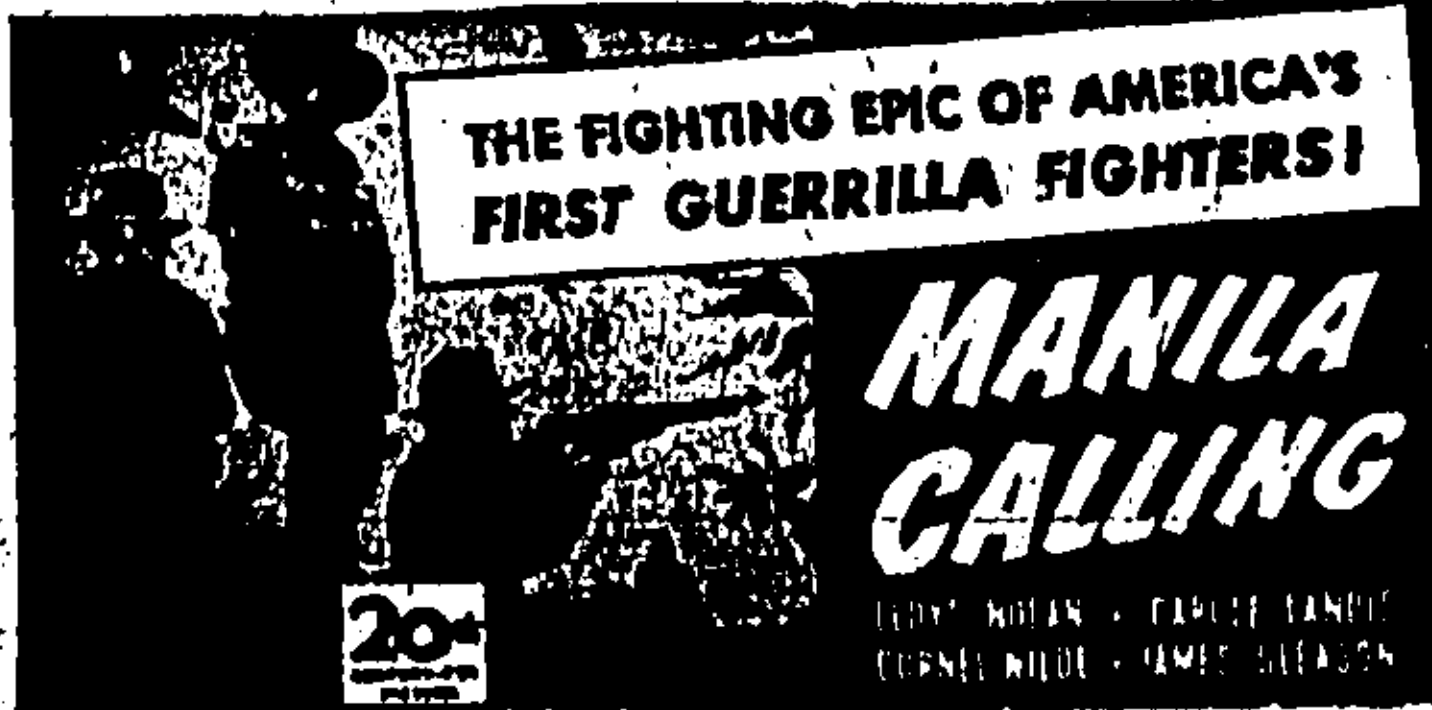
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CINEMA WORLD

Comedians
Coming To
The King's

Rating: *

Comedians Bud Abbott and Lou Costello are taking their fans for a riotous ride in their latest comedy, "Mexican Hayride", which is coming to the King's Theatre.

The screen comedy is based on the Broadway musical success of the same name which ran for 16 consecutive months at the Winter Garden in New York City and highlights the music of Walter Schaff and Jack Brooks.

Featured in the film's supporting cast are Virginia Grey, in the role of a feminine torador; John Hubbard as an American diplomat; and Luba Malina, the latter a femme menace recruited from the original New York cast of "Mexican Hayride" for her film debut.

Outset of the comedy finds Lou Costello arriving in Mexico City in pursuit of a swindler. Bud Abbott portrays the crook who well having sold Lou phoney oil well stock Iowa, also left the States with the rotund comic's fiancée, played by Miss Grey.

To Costello's chagrin, he discovers that the girl he had planned to marry is now billed in Mexico City as "Montana", feminine torador.

Abbott's pre-arranged plan to have a confederate named "Amigo Americano" and through this medium peddle fake silver mine certificates to the American tourists of Mexico City, misses fire at the last moment and the goodwill title falls on the frustrated brow of Mr. Costello.

With American and Mexican law officers closing in on the nefarious deal, Costello, at the last hilarious moment, manages to free himself of any suspicion in the deal and also clear his screen partner, Abbott.

But, as it always happens to unlucky Lou, he loses his girl to American Consul attach John Hubbard but discovers a new romance in the person of vivacious Miss Malina.

Comical highlights of the film include a burlesque bullfight "chase" sequence involving Abbott and Costello and pursuing law officers.

Chinese Picture Now
Showing Is Well
Done Production

Rating: *

"The Sins Of Our Fathers," Chinese picture now showing at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, should appeal to a large number of Europeans who don't mind consulting English dialogue slides for the interpretation of an all-round enjoyable show.

Technically, this latest Yung Hwa production leaves very little to be desired. Photography and settings are, by Hollywood standards, good. A lot has been borrowed from America and received to "look advantage. Gone is the jolting camera that made every scene a story on celluloid, a strain on the eye. Gone, too, are the stilted backdrops and "phony" clouds and sound effects.

Over-acting—that bugbear of the Chinese screen—is on the whole conspicuous by its absence. Only in isolated instances are one or two actors carried away to indulge in an over-show of emotions. Others in the cast, however, give a faithful and realistic portrayal of their respective roles and do their share to make the picture exciting and interesting, even from the Westerner's point of view.

Though the story is fictional, it deals with a problem that worried the Chinese for many years—the enmity of the Lolos towards the Hans. Fierce, warlike, proud of their tribal ancestry, the Lolos dwell in the mountains on the border of Szechwan, Yunnan and Sikong. They speak a language of their own and, in their habits and customs, are totally different from the Hans (Chinese, who swept into their native domains ages ago and drove them into the mountains). The film portrays their border depredations, their fiery, quick-tempered character, their simple ways, their courage and their ancient superstitions. In a vivid finale, the film points a moral—that the people of one land, though of different ancestry, should live side by side in peace and amity.

"The Sins Of Our Fathers" is fairly fast moving. There are grand riding scenes and throughout the film there weaves a touching romance between a Chinese slave and the daughter of the Lolo chief.

All in all, the picture is well balanced, and credit should go to its director, Mr. Richard Poh, for bringing to the screen a Chinese film that this reviewer, despite his ignorance of Mandarin, thoroughly enjoyed.

RATINGS

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- *** Very Good
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Early last year a production unit headed by Frank Launder began operations in the Fiji Islands, a location selected after an exploration trip.

Jean Simmons, Donald Houston and Noel Purcell were with the production unit for "Blue Lagoon," which will be screened in the Colony shortly.

Houston was selected to play the part of "Michael" after a world-wide competition during which over 4,000 candidates were either interviewed or tested.

During the eight weeks work in the islands, more than one third of the picture was filmed.

The production unit had an adventurous stay. Sharks, barracudas, mosquitoes, sand flies, coral reefs, gales, a hurricane, heat flies, cramped living conditions in two motor cruisers or shore camps, etc., were added to normal location production difficulties.

Although some of the work was carried out on the main island of the Fijis, Viti Levu, the bulk of it was done in the Yasawa Chain of islands, about 80 miles North of Viti Levu, across Bligh Water—so named because the notorious Captain Bligh, of Bounty fame discovered the majority of the islands in the group, and also sailed across the water after he had been cast adrift in an open boat.

In fact, for part of the time, the two motor cruisers, chartered by the unit as living quarters, were anchored in Bligh Bay on the most Northerly island of the Yasawa Chain, from which spot Bligh was chased by hostile canoes when he attempted to land in search of fresh water and food.

Members of the unit, when not in the cruisers, were in camps ashore, either at the main base of Temanu or in those islands or near to those beaches selected for camera set-ups.

Food, mail and other stores were delivered once every three days by a supply boat from Viti Levu. This boat operated throughout the location period, except during the hurricane (when the unit was cut off for seven days, and stocks of potatoes, bread, cigarettes, liquor, exhausted. Fortunately, a hurricane was required for the picture and during the initial stages when camera work was possible, filming took place.

Miss Wyman
Talks Again
--And How!

Rating: *

Sparkling romance is presented by David Niven and Jane Wyman in Warner Bros. picture, "Kiss in the Dark," which is now at the Lee Theatre.

A romantic fable set against Manhattan background, the protagonists are a timid concert pianist, a fast-talking advertising model and an eccentric but gay apartment house owner in the person of the inimitable Victor Moore.

David Niven, the pianist, acquires an apartment house, called Cleopatra Arms, as an investment. He inspects the property, and Victor Moore shows him around. He meets one of the tenants, Jane Wyman, an advertising model, who is being courted by Wayne Morris, an insurance agent.

Niven is all for absentee-ownership but Jane and Moore influence him otherwise, especially when problems start cropping up.

One big headache is getting rid of Broderick Crawford, an irritable individual who works at night and sleeps during the daytime. Niven moves his piano in and practices loudly so that Crawford will move, but at the same time to be near Jane.

Niven learns that his crafty manager, Joseph Buloff, would collect half the commission on a new insurance policy he is considering taking from Morris. Led to believe that Jane is in on the deal, he is crushed, and decides to embark on a long concert tour.

Returning to the apartment to pick up some music, Jane tells him the truth. At the station, Morris and Buloff are present to bid the star goodbye and good luck. Niven appears with Jane on his arm. He signs the policy on the dotted line, which would offer him full protection to his valuable hands, then turns and wallops both connivers.

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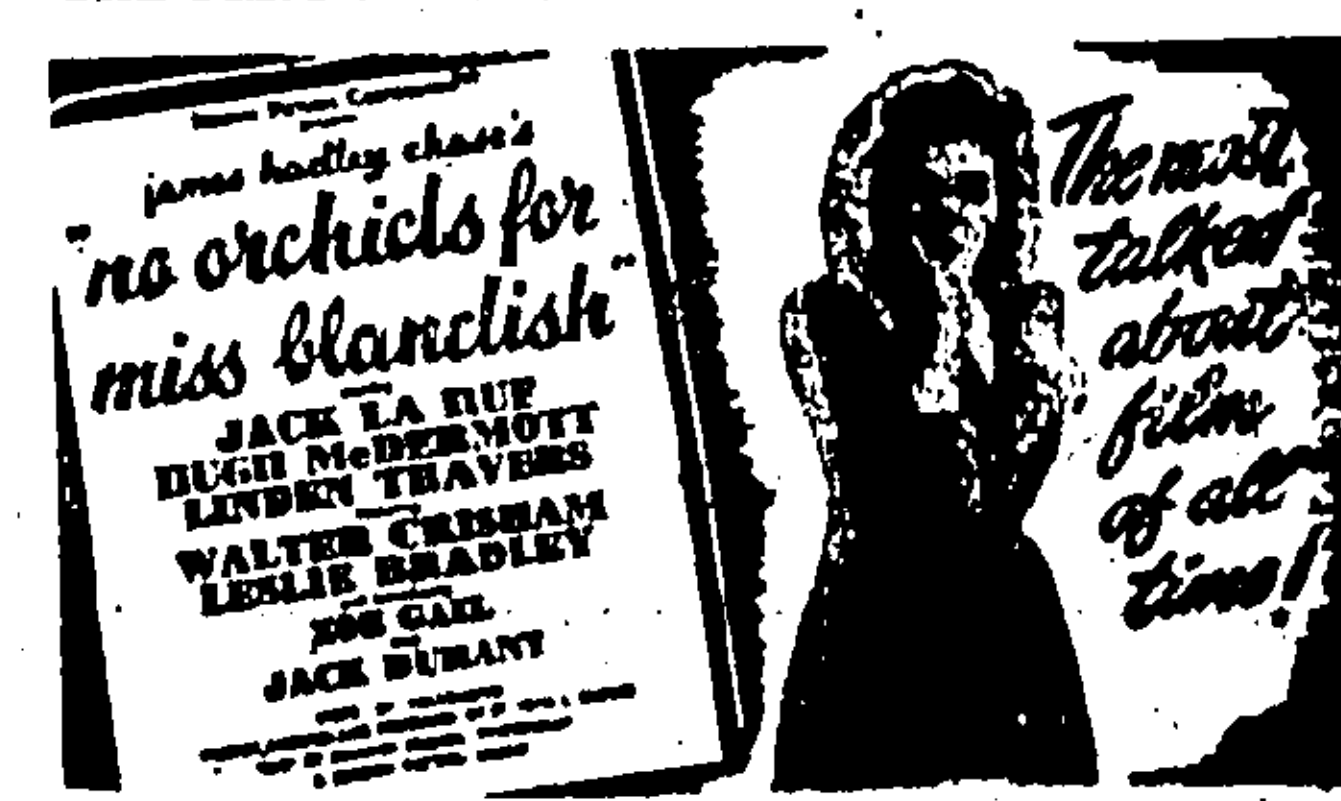
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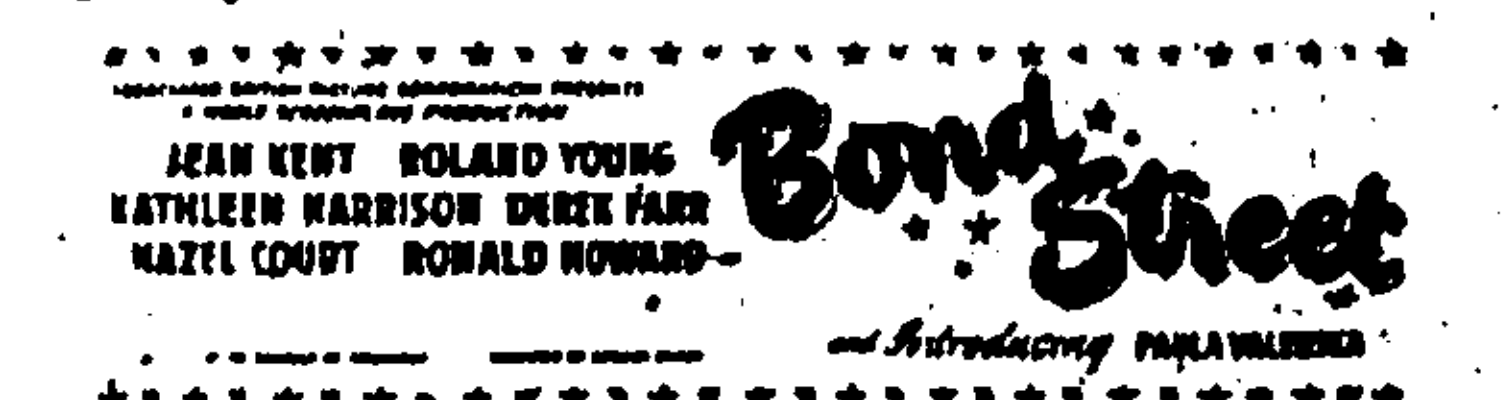
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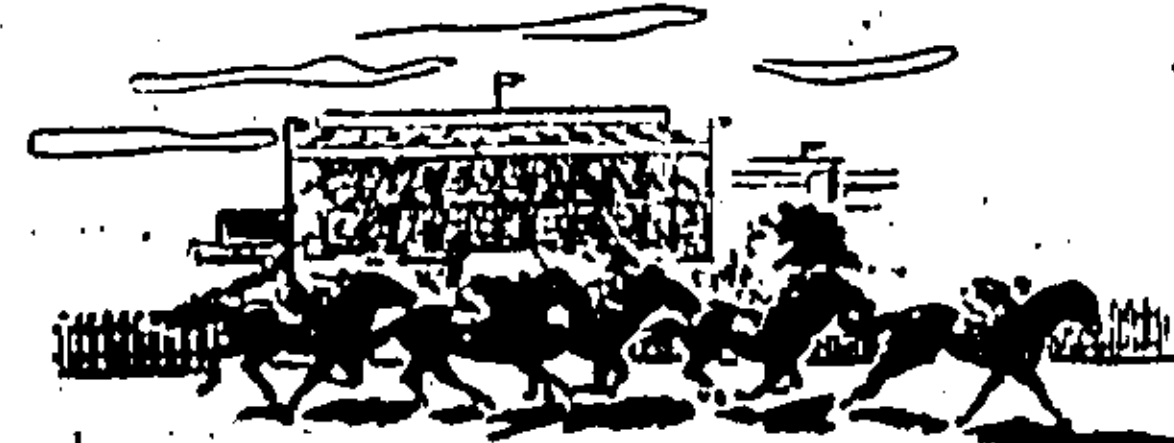
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PACIFIC DEFENCE

Into the limelight again comes the question of South East Asia defence tactics. The subject has been given a fillip by the Quirino-Chiang-Rhee discussions, and the Filipino president's current visit to the United States, a move which is expected to have at least partially favourable results.

The powerful nations are not, perhaps understandably, unduly impressed by the new sponsors of a plan which, while certainly highly desirable, would be exceedingly difficult to implement. Nationalist China may soon cease to exist, Korea is dependent on America for economic and military aid, while constantly under the menace of Communist invasion from the North, and the Philippines are in no condition to underwrite even weaker countries. Further, the participation of such a discredited figure as Chiang is small recommendation for the project.

It is symptomatic of post-war Asian nationalism that such a trio should have come together without encouragement or backing from the West, but only reactionaries could object to the principle of an independent move. On the other hand, when little of any consequence can be done without foreign backing, and when British Commonwealth, American, French and Dutch interests are also vitally involved, it is difficult to see what purpose is expected to be achieved.

Independent nations such as India, Burma and Thailand are also affected, and their sympathy may be alienated in view of the fact that their views have not so far been canvassed. Australia, likely to be a dominant factor in any Pacific alliance, has voluntarily come forward, through its defence minister, Mr. Dedman, to say that his government would welcome a scheme on the lines of the Atlantic Pact.

The United Kingdom would have to decide just which of its assets must be defended at all costs before entering into negotiations. America has much the same problem. The question of Japan is a particularly complicated one, as, being occupied, it cannot decide for itself, and must be treated as one of the broader issues of U.S. global strategy.

We ourselves are convinced that Britain will defend with every means at its disposal such places as Malaya and Hong Kong, and would obviously co-operate to the fullest extent to prevent

AN AMERICAN'S IMPRESSION OF THE COLONY

Since I arrived in Hong Kong two weeks ago, I have been exploring with fascinated interest the teeming streets in Wanchai, visiting residential areas, and, even in a subdued way, shopping.

I have taken a trip to the Peak, played a game of golf, had a short visit to the new Territories, and been to a surfet of parties where I have been introduced to some of the most charming people I have ever met.

Knowing this, it is a bit embarrassing for me to set down even a mild criticism of the Colony, yet I know that any new arrival would most likely thank me for doing the service of making one criticism vocal and public. This criticism could best be described as the universal sport of a motley group of small shopkeepers, taxi drivers, shoe-shine boys, waiters, rickshaw boys and so on.

As an American, with I suppose the usual obvious characteristics, I quite expect to be claimed as an immediate victim, but never have I experienced such an all-out warfare on my pocketbook.

I can say this remembering the clothes in Wanchai, who was able to convince me that Canadian and American dollars were on a parity; I can say this remembering the bellies in the hotel in Agaña, Callao, who regularly sell guests suits to secondhand clothes, claiming that they misunderstood instructions, but later, gleefully accepting a share from the clothes when the rate guest is forced to purchase the clothes back at double the price. I can even say this remembering Sydney taxi drivers, who usually take the visiting Yank on a "world tour" before taking him to his destination.

Shorts And Shirts

In one small shop I visited a day after my arrival here, I bought a pair of white-summer shorts and a shirt. The total cost, according to price tags in the windows, should have been HK\$34.00, and I was a little shaken when the head clerk came gaily sauntering up, and in all politeness said: "To-to, five dollar, please." It was only after patiently pointing out to him the price tags in his windows that he discovered his error.

On three successive days I took a bus to Wanchai, and on each day I gave the conductor a dollar bill. The first conductor gave me a bus ticket and continued to collect fares; the second day the conductor gave me my ticket and suddenly remembered he had forgotten something at the other end of the bus. The third conductor stood dumbfounded for five minutes while I clamoured for change—alternately giving me another ticket, pulling the bell to stop the bus, and pleading: "I no speak English."

When I discovered that my white golf socks wouldn't stay up without garters, surreptitiously went to shop after shop until I found one that had price tag on garters marked at \$3.50. After I bought the garters, and had the clerk cut off the side ornaments, I confidently gave the clerk HK\$3.50. But he told me the price was HK\$4.50, and when I turned around for the price tag to come to my assistance, I found that it had mysteriously changed to HK\$4.50.

Cigarettes At \$1.50

After a week in Hong Kong, I met some Australian friends of mine, and over a drink we discussed what we had seen and done. I heard one man say that American cigarettes cost HK\$1.50, because he had been paying that much for them; another claimed that a 12-pack ricksha ride cost HK\$5.00, and a third told us that he had got a bargain shoe

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even a threat to Australian integrity. She, therefore, has the foremost interest of Western powers in the area, although America, in her role of leading anti-Communist and purveyor of aid, would have to be the senior partner in a Pacific pact.

Such an association is almost inevitable, but as we have pointed out before, its formation will present tremendous difficulties. Each unit will be fired with different—and often conflicting—motives, participants will have to resolve ancient racial and economic hatreds, and reconcile standards of development ranging from the almost-primitive to the most highly industrialized.

The Western powers, despite their other preoccupations, should no longer let events slide past, waiting for something to happen. This problem will not become any easier by letting it simmer.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN DE-RATIONED EUROPE

Rationing—legacy of the war—is now rapidly disappearing in many war-ravaged countries. Here is a review from correspondents of the latest position in various parts of Europe.

No Rationing Here

Food rationing in Italy ended entirely on July 1. Bread and pasta were the last items to be controlled officially, although for months previously there was no serious rationing of bread and bakers hardly troubled to accept food tickets. The Government did its best after the war to distribute equally food that were scarce, but it was a hopeless task, and in practice rationing did not extend beyond sugar, salt, pasta and bread. Controls on clothes and sweets were never seriously discussed at all. Yet, even in its very limited form, rationing was far from successful. The black market flourished and fortunes were made.

Italy's trouble since the war has been that a succession of genuine anti-Fascist Governments have tried to run the country with the aid of a civil service, which is still essentially Fascist in structure and mentality. The attempt to impose rationing showed this clearly.

Supplies of goods filtered through Government agencies, but the supply that reached the consumer was only a percentage of the amount that left the factory. When inquiries were made, transactions were lost in a mass of red tape and officialdom, which covered up the real delinquents. As a general rule, people who had the money to spend could find what they wanted despite rationing. Poverty, however, meant shortage.

Belgium Has But One Relic

Only one relic remains of Belgian rationing. Each month you must argue with your retailer whether you have yet had your ration. If you lose, you have to pay extra. If you win, you are apt to be given the sweepings of the rice granary.

Belgian rationing was never a matter of "equal shares all round." There was always plenty of butter, meat and sugar kept back through the shops. When shopkeepers were prosecuted, it was almost for refusing to sell for money (at the official price) when they actually had a supply. The result was curious. Extra work, quite literally, brought home the bacon; and tolerance of a black market in the large shops made it possible for people to make a job of it instead of becoming civil servants or spies.

One by one the controls disappeared. Clothing was the first to go, followed by meat, and then imports from America to smash the black market. Then, bit by bit, food was freed and the black market prices became official. At the end of last year the Food Ministry was wound up.

It is the Economic Ministry which administers the rice, and this has grown plentiful within the last few weeks. Belgium's abundance of food comes mainly from hard work. Three-quarters of the meat is home-killed, and of the beasts slaughtered for food, only one horse in three and one cow in 16 is imported on the hoof.

Nylons Scarce In Denmark

The Danes get a weekly ration of about ¼ lb. of beef or veal, a little more than ¼ lb. of pork and ¼ lb. worth of cooked meat. Beef dripping, never rationed, is now also available. The last ration averages about ¼ lb. monthly. Sugar (5 lb. monthly at the moment) is getting easier all the time and de-rationing is expected in the autumn. The amount of soap available is now almost normal.

There is a choice of ¼ lb. of coffee or 3 oz. of tea or 1 lb. of cocoa monthly. Sweets, though never rationed, are expensive. Chocolate costs about three times as much as in Britain and the ration averages a mere 2 oz. a month. Textiles have been progressively de-rationed this year. Coupons are now required for cotton goods and sheets only.

Fully-fashioned stockings have just been de-rationed, but not

shine that morning for 80 cents. However, in spite of all this petty larceny by trick which I and my friends have encountered in Hong Kong, I am not half as bitter about it since I met a Chinese friend of mine from Shanghai.

I met him in the street, and after a few pleasantries, he told me confidentially: "You know, I must be very careful with my money in Hong Kong. Because I come from Shanghai only recently, I do not speak very good Cantonese, and all the people here try to shake me down for my money because they know I am a stranger. Tell me, my friend, have you experienced anything similar?"

more than about one Dane in 10,000 owns a pair of nylons, or is likely to do so for quite a while. Coal and coke are becoming increasingly plentiful, but compared with British standards, the ration is still small.

Patrol is free, but Denmark is divided into four zones, and cars may not be driven outside the zone in which they are registered, except by special permission. Rationing is becoming more and more a thing of the past.

More Patches In Holland?

Almost all victuals are free now in Holland. Only meat and cheese are still rationed, but expectations are that they will be freed next month. As for clothes, the Dutch must be patient a little longer as textiles are mostly destined for export.

Rationing has not worked in its original conception, as all rationed articles could easily be bought in practically every shop without tickets at slightly higher prices. This has been the case since rationing started in Holland. Gradually the surplus payment came down as the economic situation grew better.

Still, if a man is caught selling or buying "black" he is liable to imprisonment. In spite of that, buying on the black market was never considered really criminal, and it would be hard to find a man here who never bought his cigarettes "black."

There has always been a busy trade in ration tickets, and the police never succeeded in preventing poor people selling their own ration tickets to the rich.

Incidentally, when butter and cooking fats were de-rationed last month, the general relief was less than that expressed a few days later when tobacco was freed. Rationed tobacco meant black market cigarettes—and fancy prices.

Nearly Ended

Only sugar and coffee are still rationed in France, and it is expected that they will come off the ration soon.

The French do not mourn their Food Ministry, which has been reduced to the junior grade of Commissariat.

Too much red tape was required during the war to obtain ration tickets. Another fallacy was that the basic principle—equal parts for all—applied only to the lower and middle classes. Rich people could always buy meat, bread or butter in large quantities on the black market. Prices were sky-high—tea sold for £14 a pound in the South of France at the liberation and bread reached £3 a loaf.

Last food items to come off the ration were meat and bread. Bread came off at the beginning of the year after bakers refused to bother to cut out the coupons. They claimed there was enough flour to serve everyone—and they were right.

Now prices are free, and settling down at 8/- a lb. for the finest steak. Sweets came off the ration more than a year ago, and chocolate in February last. But high prices keep down the demand. American black-market chocolate sells for less than the French variety.

Petrol is distributed to priority consumers at 3/7 a gallon, and to private individuals for 5/8 a gallon. Priority petrol is on the ration, but you can buy as much "expensive" petrol as you want.

The latest—and maybe the last—"ration joke" in France is that priority petrol can be bought on the black market for less than the "expensive petrol." Priority consumers are selling their ration tickets at a profit—and still under-selling the Government.

America Claims New Discovery

America's land of inventions and superlatives, is claiming a new discovery. Key Murray reports that photographs in full colour may now be made from ordinary black and white negatives.

This does not mean, however, that with the summer holidays near, you will be able to take your black and white holiday snaps into a local chemist and have them developed in colour. Such perfection, explain the scientists, is still very much a thing of the future.

All the same the photographic impossible has been achieved and already large colour pictures have been made from experimental black-and-white negatives. At the same time it has been found possible to reproduce in colour subjects which for technical reasons have so far been difficult to photograph with colour film. The process is complicated but the results are apparently very much worthwhile.



So at last Australia's most burning question has been solved.

"Governor Thomas Dewey will place a wreath on the monument on behalf of the American League. The mayor will place a wreath for the National League." Anybody going to place a soft answer?

In spite of all my efforts to instruct her in the intricacies of politics at home, Myrtle still thinks the principal parties are Christmas, Birthday, Wedding and Cocktail.

Present In Spirit Perhaps? Quirino is considering the problem of Nationalist China in his own protected Asian fief.

But by the time the Union is formed the problem will probably no longer exist.

Base Swindle Confidence men tried to sell a South African a Royal Air Force base. One of those "fly-by-night" schemes.

News Flash (In The Pan) Cabled interview from Bombay: "The United States has failed to understand and evaluate the Chinese situation."

Next message should have some hot news about the world being round.

Fit For A Queen "Smokies at breakfast. Will bring you to life." Boys, boys! Restrain please. Your responses rise! Poor copywriter is doing his best.

"Kipper Makes Chipper" No, that needs a rest. What can he put Which will make the world wish

Cute than Fridays Still to eat fish? "Smokies" sounds intimate. "Smokies" sounds coy. Cute for those tete-a-tetes. Couples enjoy. Or for those mornings When unsteady legs Eak at fat bacon. Evermore eager. These to the bedside Bring a sea tang. Fine after sticky nights Spent with the Gang... Cuthbert, arise! Give the fire a few pokies. Please take a pan. And prepare me my "Smokies" Prime for thick palates. They swallow so silky. And while you're fixing em—Warm up my "milky"....

"Great After-Summer Fashion Clearance. In Time for Summer Wearing." It's like Einstein says....

A police officer says, "The more time thieves take in removing a safe, or any other object, from a shop or house, the greater are the chances of their being discovered by the police."

If this doesn't make our burglars put some pep into it, nothing will.

Rosehenry W.R.I. had been invited over to the Brass for the village concert. During one number a visitor remarked, "Isna that awful? They shouldna hae that cratur on the platform, scraping awa on his violin."

Mrs. Stewart turned round and said, "That happens to be my youngest laddie, an' I'm as good as anything, an' so wid ye be if yer bairns could do anything else but gut fish!"

This Registration of Persons Ordinance shows a Wormall turn....

Thumbs Down! One way to deal with the Pearl River pirates, of course, would be to get their thumbprints.



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FIRST INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENT BORN AT STRASBOURG MEETING

Strasbourg, August 10.

The first international Parliament in history was born this afternoon in Strasbourg, city on the Franco-German frontier bearing the scars of many a conflict.

Politicians of many shades of opinion from 12 nations, meeting for the first time as the European Assembly, heard the veteran French statesman, M. Edouard Herriot, describe the task before them as a problem of life and death for Europe.

M. Herriot, inaugurating the Assembly as its provisional President, said that there is no question of organising a military alliance. "We are not declaring war on anybody," he said.

But, as he spoke, Communists in the Rhineland city posting up pamphlets reading: "Out with the war-mongers of European Union, European Union is preparing a new war."

In the square, glass-roofed debating chamber of the University, the 101 representatives listened gravely as M. Herriot declared that the meetings of the Assembly have no aggressive point directed against anybody.

"All the doors are open to the East, towards all those who today refrain from taking their place among us," he said.

The Council of Europe's aim is to safeguard and realise the ideals which are the heritage of its members, he said.

M. Herriot paid a warm tribute to Mr. Winston Churchill, Britain's Conservative leader, who had been loudly cheered as he entered the Chamber to take his seat between an Italian and a Belgian representative.

Divided Issue

From Mr. Churchill's mind had sprung the movement which brought them here, he said.

Describing the question of Germany as extremely delicate, M. Herriot said that it is something on which their minds are divided.

Germany had made an immense contribution to science, the letters, the arts, and all progress in all fields.

If she had remained faithful to the great examples of her philosophers and musicians the other nations would work eagerly with her for the organisation of a liberal Europe.

"But we were representatives of, and to a certain extent, responsible for many human lives, are horrified to note the re-appearance of certain ideologies based on the cult of force and on the right of the mailed fist," M. Herriot said.

"It is, therefore, for Germany herself to reply to a question which, for us, raises a moral



EDOUARD HERRIOT.

Remedy Needed

M. Herriot warned the Assembly that as a result of the Marshall Plan Europe is living under an artificial regime in a temporary state of well-being.

A remedy must be sought to deal with Europe's deficit in her commercial exchanges with the United States.

"To get over so many difficulties and relieve them there must be a political body, political determination and political action," he said.

"This is the reason and the meaning of your gathering," he added.

M. Herriot's reference to Germany was taken as implying a caution from the lessons of history rather than objecting to the admission of Germany to the Council of Europe.

It has already been proposed that after the German elections there should be German delegates to the Consultative Assembly but not to the Committee of Ministers.

Dark-suited delegates, the public and journalists sweltered in the great grey-draped hall as brilliant afternoon sunshine beat through the frosted glass ceiling.

M. Herriot, chief actor in the dramatic scene, spoke from a simple presidential tribune faced with plywood. On either side of him were M. Camille Paris, French Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, and Sir Gilbert Crompton, British Clerk of the House.

Election of President

Draperies hung over the lower half of the 30-metre walls of the hall and above glowed six priceless Gobelin tapestries telling the triumph of the Greek gods.

The gathering heat of the hall was increased by batteries of spotlights turned on the representatives.

As M. Herriot spoke cameras

Spaak Tipped For Assembly President

Strasbourg, August 10. The Belgian statesman M. Paul-Henri Spaak flew home to Brussels tonight to free himself of Government duties ready to assume leadership of history's first international Parliament.

The 46-year-old Socialist, joint architect with Mr. Winston Churchill of the European Assembly of 12 nations, is tipped as certain to be elected when the 101 delegates choose their President tomorrow morning.

M. Spaak is Acting Premier and Foreign Minister in Belgium's "Caretaker" Government.

To accept the Assembly presidency he has to give up the post of Foreign Minister because as such he is a member of the Council of Europe's Ministerial Committee and cannot serve in the Assembly.—Reuter.

AUSTRIAN TREATY SNAGS

London, August 10.

Russia told the Western Powers today to forget about property Russia has removed from Austria—including 500 locomotives—in drafting the new peace treaty.

The Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Georgi N. Zharubin, informed representatives of the United States, Britain and France that any consideration of Austrian movable property was outside their jurisdiction.

The Western delegates insisted, however, that both movable and immovable assets must be included in a settlement of the question of war booty and reparations.

Under the proposed treaty, Russia will be paid \$150,000,000 by Austria in place of certain physical reparations.

The American delegate, Samuel Reber, told the conference that his government would not agree to a treaty provision which did not include transport and other property removed from Austria.

He demanded specifically the return by Russia of 500 locomotives which, he said, were clearly Austrian property before Hitler marched in.

Like most previous sessions of the deputies today's meeting ended with this announcement: "no agreement."—Associated Press.

GUNNERS FOR HONG KONG

Liverpool, August 10.

The 14th Field Artillery Regiment sailed from here for Hong Kong tonight in the troopship Lancashire.—Reuter.

men aimed at him from every angle of the gallery running around the hall, radio networks carried broadcasts over more than half the world, while press agencies bashed the text over special wires extending throughout Western Europe.

Mr. Churchill sat, slumped and cigar-less, between Belgian and Italian neighbours whose names slunked his in the alphabetical list.

After M. Herriot's speech, M. Paul Reynaud, former Premier of France, rose to propose adjournment till 9 a.m. tomorrow for election of a President.—Reuter.

PRAGUE TIGHTENS UP ON PARTY MEMBERSHIP

Prague, August 10.

A Communist directive issued today ordered special Party cadres established in all offices, factories and businesses to keep personal files on workers.

The information will be used to judge the suitability of any employee, Party member or otherwise, selected by the management for any special task or mission abroad.

It will also be used by Party committees dealing with candidates for Party membership.

The directive lays down rules designed to prune the membership from a total which at present makes the Czechoslovak Party proportionately the world's largest.

The new rules increase the ratio of worker members in the Party to 2,500,000 members with white collar workers predominating by about five per cent.

Each candidate for membership must submit his life story for examination. His factory organisation and other movements to which he has belonged must give a detailed report on him.

He must have two guarantors whose personal records the Examining Committee will also inspect.

They must have known the candidate intimately and must themselves have been Party members for at least two years.

Purge Of Books

The Committee will warn the guarantors that they remain personally responsible for the new member.

Doubtful candidates may be given candidate status for one year but where the Committee is dissatisfied with the applicant he or she will be excluded from the Party.

The newspaper "Lidove Noviny" tonight demanded the supervision and purge of all libraries and book-shops to take care of unwanted literature.

Any "rubbish" which is found should be sent to the paper mills, said the newspaper.

Certain books should be allowed only in special libraries for historical and study purposes and these should be strictly registered and controlled.—Reuter.

HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION

Strasbourg, August 10.

The European Assembly will tomorrow attempt to restore the discussion of human rights to its agenda.

After the adjournment of the opening session today, members of the British delegation discussed the draft of a resolution asking that the subject of human rights be thrown open for debate in the Assembly.

The Committee of Ministers yesterday rejected by seven votes to four, with one abstention, a proposal to include in the Committee's suggestions for the Assembly's agenda an item entitled "Definition, Safeguarding and Development of the Rights of Man and Fundamental Liberties."—Reuter.

RUBBER INQUIRY URGED

London, August 10.

Sir George Maxwell, Chief Secretary of the Government of the Federated Malay States from 1920 to 1926, today urged a scientific inquiry into the cause of the increased cost per pound of manufactured plantation rubber.

He asked for up-to-date and complete statistics to be produced.

In an article in the "Financial Times," he said: "Whether the Colonial Office or the planters have realised how much information is still lacking and how much time and trouble will be required before a full case can be presented."

"If—and I say it—the world still requires plantation rubber, both sides to the present controversy may agree that the present price of rubber must be remunerative."

"When all the facts are on record, it is possible that the case for a remunerative price for plantation rubber may receive a more sympathetic hearing from the advocates of synthetic rubber."

The planters had been content with vague remarks such as that "the cost of wages has increased several times." That, he said, was wholly unconvincing and nothing less than definite and authenticated facts and figures would suffice.—Reuter.

Guerilla Action In Sumatra

Batavia, August 10.

A guerrilla force 2,000 strong stormed the Dutch garrison at Surakarta in Central Java, press reports said today.

Dutch forces threw back the guerrillas in daylight fighting last Sunday.

A military spokesman for the Netherlands admitted there had been an incident of more than normal importance at Surakarta. He declined to reveal the details.

However, he said: "We countered with strong clearing action," and added that the situation is now under control.

A United Nations military observer team is at Salatiga, 30 miles North West of Surakarta.—United Press.

BACK TO NORMAL HOPE OF AUSSIES

Sydney, August 10.

Australians hope for an early restoration of fuel, power and transport cuts after the virtual collapse today of the seven-week old coal strike.

Miners' meetings throughout Australia voted against a continuation of the strike.

The final count against the Communist-dominated Miners' National Council resulted in asking for new wage talks with the Government. Only 2,747 were in favour of the resolution.

Mr. A. Hamilton, Acting President of the Miners' Federation, announced that union leaders will order the 23,000 striking miners back to work on Friday.

Moderate leaders said that the large vote against the Council's resolution showed such hostility among the men to their leaders that they would probably return to work piecemeal had the strike not been called off. This would probably have wrecked the Federation.

Senator John L. Armstrong, the Supply Minister, said that the vote was a knock-out blow for the Communist leaders.

Mr. J. Comerford, Acting General-Secretary of the Miners' Federation, declared: "The rank and file have given their verdict. We must accept it."

Mr. Comerford told a New South Wales miners' meeting that Miners' Federation funds had been used to support the strike.

Five Federation officials were imprisoned by an Arbitration Court for refusing to reveal the whereabouts of the money.—Reuter.

MISSIONARY'S DEATH

Mount Hermon, Massachusetts,

August 10. Dr. Lewis Hodous, former President of the Fochow Theological Seminary and the Fochow Union Theological School, which he helped to organise, died here today at the age of 76.

He went to China in 1901 as a missionary for the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in China and stayed for 10 years. He was the author of a number of books on China.—United Press.

Churchill Given Great Ovation

Strasbourg, August 10.

Mr. Winston Churchill, grinning broadly, turned the other cheek for a second kiss from an Alsatian girl here today as he arrived amid a great ovation to attend the opening of the European Consultative Assembly.

Successive waves of clapping died and rose again and cries of "Vive Churchill" cut through the cheers of a dense crowd of on-lookers as the British Conservative leader—cigar in hand—got

out of his car and mounted the steps of the Strasbourg University Building.

As he turned to doff his hat in greeting at the top of the stairs a brunette, Lilian Fischer, one of a group of girls in picturesque Alsatian costume among the welcoming crowd, stepped forward and kissed him on the cheek.

Mr. Churchill straightened up in surprise but immediately thrust his head forward, offering his other cheek for another kiss.

Again the crowd roared and he turned and walked off into the University Hall for still another ovation.

Every one of the representatives of the 12 nations rose to his feet in tribute to Britain's wartime leader.

Mr. Churchill walked about for several minutes, shaking hands with friends and greeting other delegates and then slowly and deliberately he walked to his place between a Belgian and an Italian delegate.

There he heard M. Edouard Herriot, French provisional President of the Assembly, declare: "From his mind sprang the movement which has brought us together here."—Reuter.



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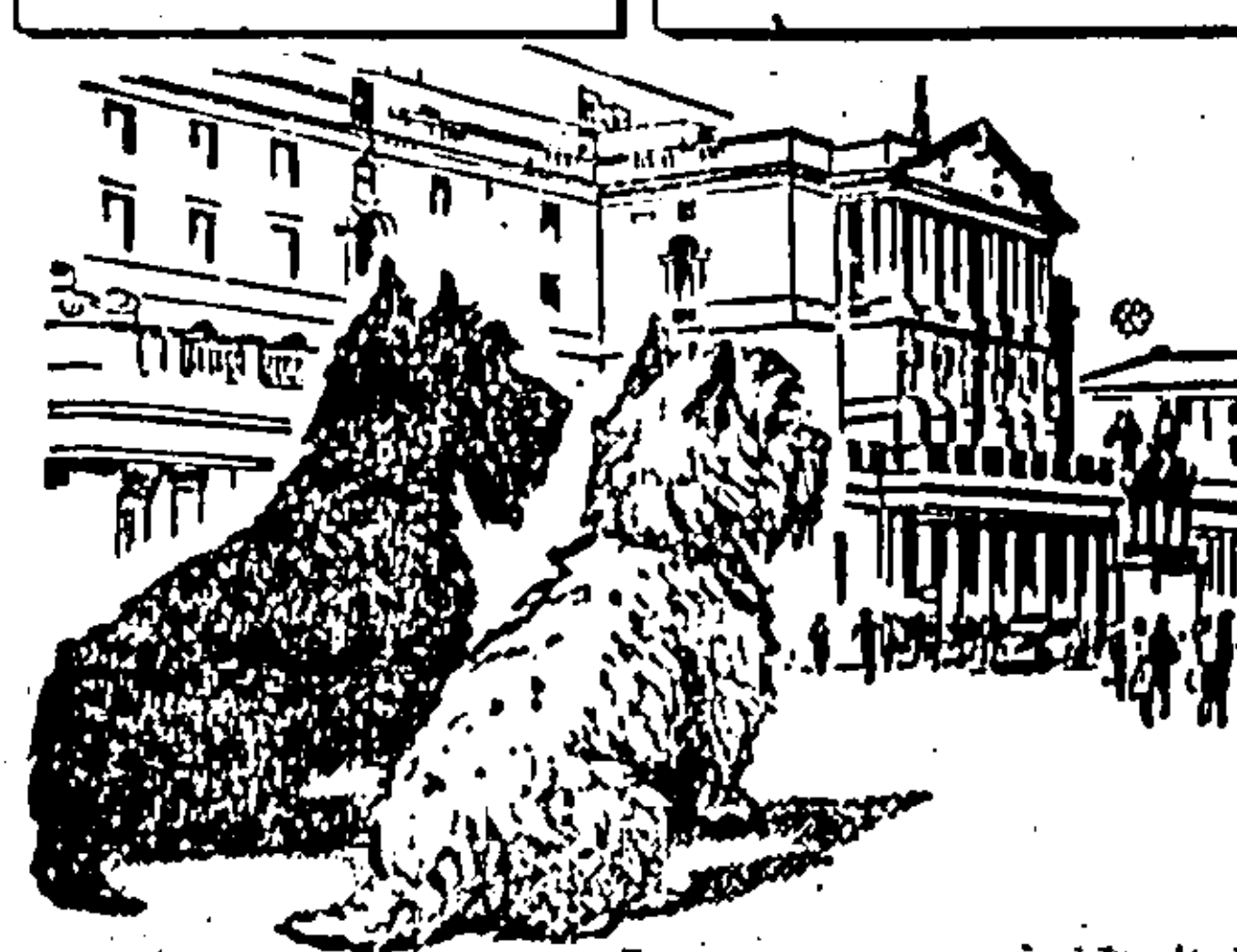
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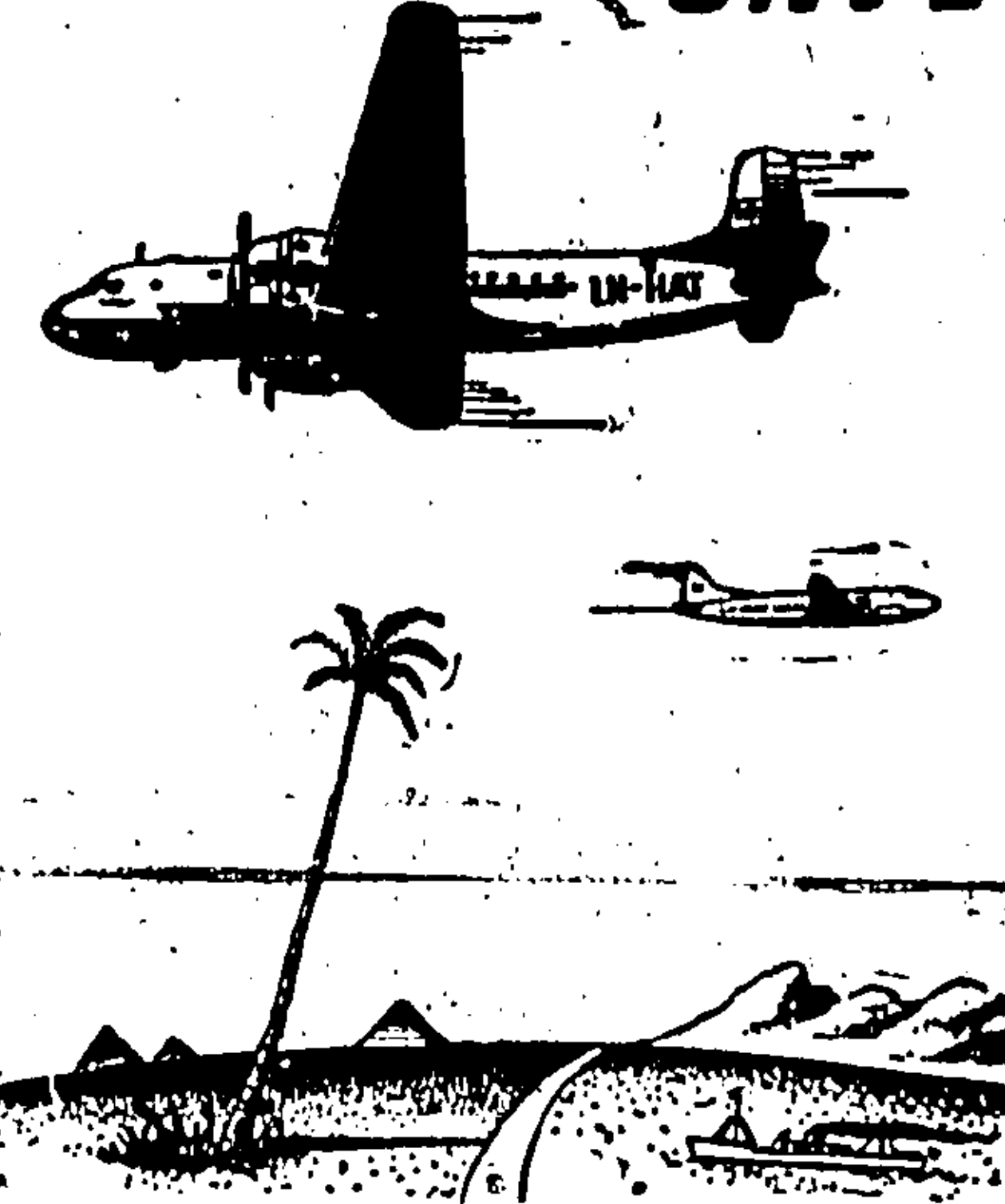
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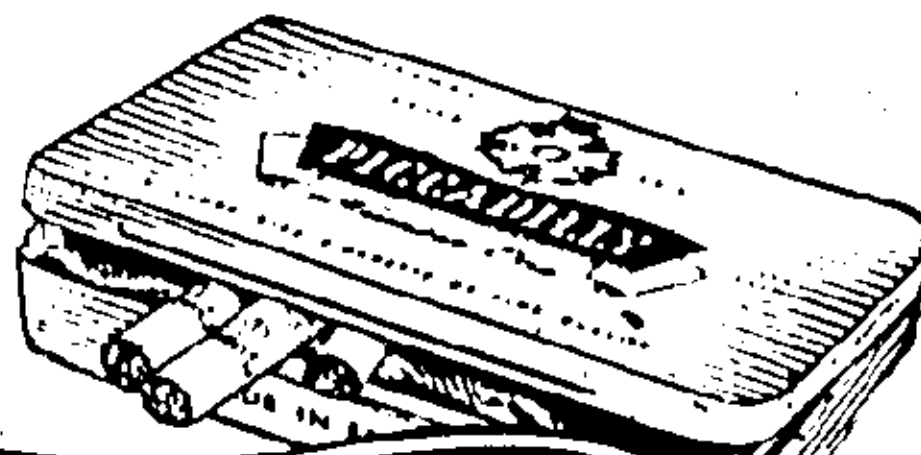
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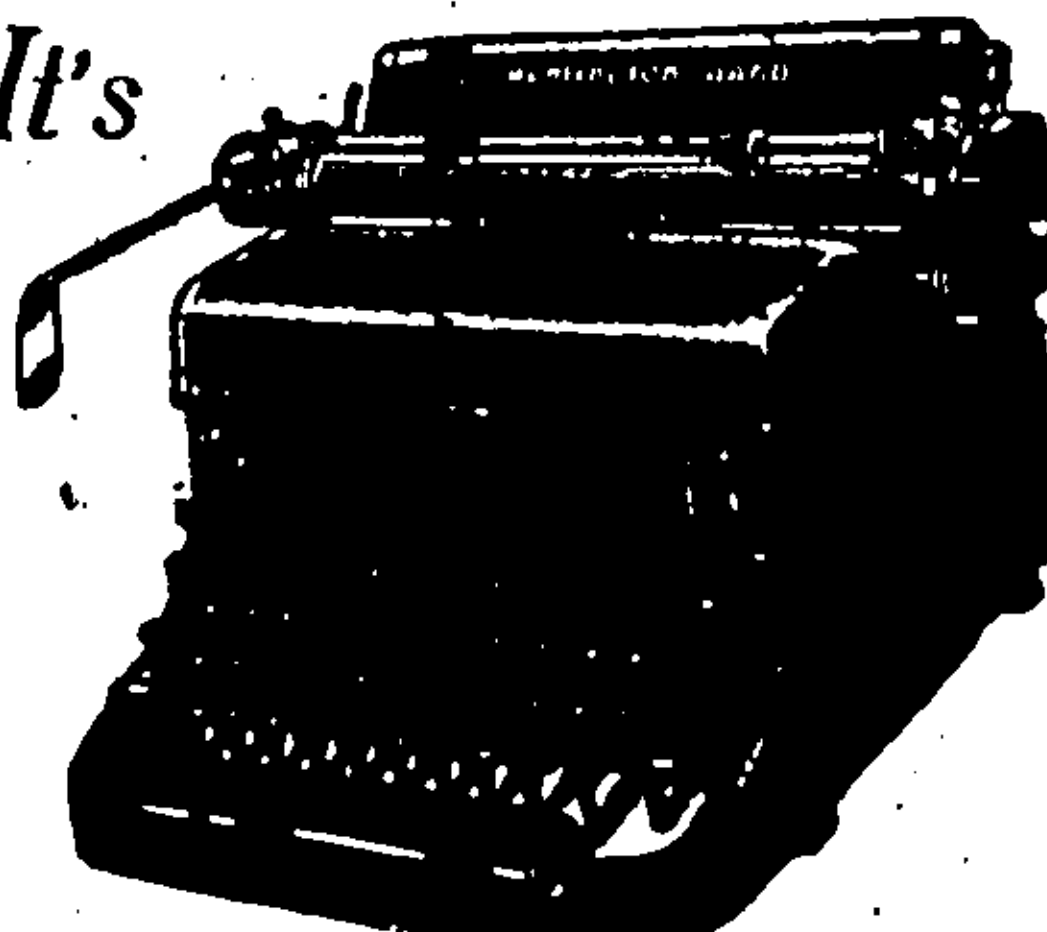
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LONDON CAUTIOUS ON PLAN FOR PACIFIC UNION

London, August 10.

British official circles are dubious about President Elpidio Quirino's proposals for a Pacific Union against Communism. The Foreign Office reserved comment pending official advice on the proposals.

ABORTION SCANDAL SENTENCE

Johannesburg, August 10. Two doctors and their assistants were sent to prison today after having admitted in their court to a "miraculous practice" of procuring abortions "in the main thoroughfare of Johannesburg."

Dr. Gerhardus Buchner was sentenced to five years and 34 weeks on 40 counts. Dr. Edward Blumberg to three years and 48 weeks on 34 counts. Susanna Maria Pleier to four years on 48 counts and Anna Sophia Kelly to 10 months on 10 counts.

An appeal was entered against the sentences. It was submitted by the defence that "this gigantic practice took place in the main thoroughfare of Johannesburg apparently quite openly on the doorstep of Marshall Square Police Headquarters in Johannesburg."

The Attorney-General for the Transvaal, F. E. Lodge, said that he had made enquiries into this statement and added that evidence had been given that police officials had actually been entertained at Castle Mansions where the abortions were carried out.

"There would seem to be some merit in the suggestion that this practice was committed at," Mr. Lodge said.—Associated Press.

Bernadotte Murder Not Yet Closed

Stockholm, August 10. The murder of Count Folke Bernadotte, late U.N. mediator to Palestine, will probably be brought up again during the forthcoming U.N. General Assembly, the U.N. Secretary-General, Trygve Lie, told the Associated Press today.

Mr. Lie expects the Israeli Government to turn in a new report on its efforts to trace the killers, irrespective of whether the result was positive or negative. The late U.N. mediator was killed in Palestine in September 1948. An earlier report by the Israeli Government on its investigations of the Bernadotte murder were described by the Swedish Government as unsatisfactory.—Associated Press.

ISLAND DOUBLES IN SIZE

Auckland, August 10. Submarine volcanic action has more than doubled the size of tiny Matthew Island, near New Caledonia, in the Southern Pacific, the New Zealand naval sloop Pukaki reported after a cruise in these waters. The island was merely 30 acres of land clinging to a single rocky peak. HMNZS Pukaki found a second peak, tossed up 500 feet above the sea alongside the first one. Smoke and steam were rising from below.—Reuter.

Sources indicated privately that judging from press reports the proposed alliance would be hardly worth considering because of the liabilities of the partners.

In the British viewpoint the defencelessness of Chiang Kai-shek's China and of Southern Korea is apparent and it is a question what help they can receive from the Philippines. It is considered probable that other Asian powers will be inclined to support the Pacific Union can be effective only if it can draw support from the Western powers.

From the official British viewpoint it will first be necessary for the Western Powers to take stock of their assets in the Far East and decide which of these must be defended at all cost before encouraging the formation of a Pacific Union.

HK Position

Britain is said to have sized up the situation with an eye on her available and potential resources and to have reached the conclusion that something concrete must be done to prevent Communism from over-running South East Asia and especially Hong Kong.

The current view apparently is to regard Southern Asia as a threatened area—similar to Western Europe's position two years ago, and to protect it by a special version of the Marshall plan. But in contrast to Western Europe the immediate situation in Southern Asia is seen as political and not economic. India, regarded as a potentially great power in Southern Asia, is said to be facing a powerful Communist menace, particularly in Bengal.—United Press.

BOMB EXPLOSION AT SOVIET HQ

Berlin, August 10. Twenty people, including the Soviet Commandant of Potsdam, Major Werin, and other Soviet officers, were killed in the explosion in the Marmorpalast at Potsdam last month, according to the American—licensed newspaper "Der Abend."

The bomb exploded in an upstairs part of the old Hohenzollern Palace, the Soviet Military Headquarters in Germany, the paper said.

German officials in Potsdam told Reuter at that time that there was an explosion in the building on the night of Red Navy Day, July 24.

The newspaper claimed that a senior Soviet officer was under suspicion of having engineered the explosion because of hostility to Major Werin.—Reuter.

WORLD PRESS EXHIBITION

Copenhagen, August 10. More than 1,500 newspapers and periodicals from 60 different countries were shown at a "World Press Exhibition," which opened in Vejle, Jutland, this afternoon. No Russian publications were represented.—Reuter.

Australia Welcomes Pact Move

Canberra, August 10.

The Australian Defence Minister, John J. Dedman, said today that a move to set up a Pacific pact comparable in all respects to the Atlantic Pact would be welcomed by Australia.

Such a pact would be of great advantage to Australia, he told a news conference.

Mr. Dedman said that he knew of no recent formal talks on a Pacific pact.

The Prime Minister, J. B. Chifley, said in the House of Representatives on June 1 that the United States was too deeply involved in the rehabilitation of Europe to enter a Pacific pact at present.—Associated Press.

Communist Attack On Pact Plan

Paris, August 10.

An anti-Communist Pacific pact would drag France into a dangerous adventure, the French Communist evening paper, "Ce Soir," wrote today in a three-column front-page article.

"The Indo-Chinese war makes the French forces an arrowhead in the American military preparations in Asia," the paper said. "Ce Soir" based its assumptions on two "important" facts which were "more than coincidental"—President Vincent Auriol's personal message to the Dalai Lama of the State of Vietnam, and the "fervid" efforts of American diplomacy to prepare an anti-Communist Pacific pact.

The French would serve as "shock troops" in the anti-Soviet bloc formed in Asia by the Pacific Pact, "Ce Soir" said.

"On this point also, the Pacific pact is strangely similar to the Atlantic one. 'On the Mekong (Indo-Chinese river), as on the Elbe, the French Army will play in the American plan the role of a sacrificed vanguard,' the paper declared.—Reuter.

DP's Clash With German Police

Munich, August 10.

Three thousand displaced Jews rioted for two hours here today when the police attempted to halt a protest march to a newspaper which had published an anti-Semitic letter.

Twenty German policemen and five Jews were injured before order was restored at about 2 p.m. Eye-witnesses reported that the Jews began assembling in Mochl Street, centre of the Jewish business quarter, at about 11 a.m., intending to march into the centre of town to protest before the office of the "Sueddeutsche Zeitung," which yesterday published a letter to the editor of a strong anti-Semitic tone.

BERLIN UP AGAINST IT

Berlin, August 10.

Luise Schroeder, "Western" Deputy Lord Mayor of Berlin, today told General Frank Howley, the American Commandant, that the city is facing financial breakdown and increased unemployment.

Only generous credits and raw material deliveries from Western Germany can save the situation, she said.

"General Howley promised me that he would do everything in his power to remove the obstacles still in the way of increased financial aid to Berlin," she said later.

Over 200,000 West Berliners are out of jobs.—Reuter.

MARSHALL PLAN FOR PACIFIC SUGGESTED

Washington, August 10.

President Elpidio Quirino of the Philippines, said today that the Marshall Plan should be extended to the Pacific countries.

President Quirino repeated the proposal which he made to the Senate yesterday that the countries bordering the Pacific should join in a union for mutual help, assistance and protection.

He named as potential members Nationalist China, India, Burma, Indo-China, Australia, Indonesia, and Korea.

He said that no nation has been formally approached by the Philippine Government but that he expects to send invitations to all the nations bordering on the Pacific.

Answering questions at a press conference during his State visit to Washington, President Quirino said that people should turn their eyes to the East. They had been too preoccupied with the West.

He did not say whether he had discussed this proposal, or his proposals for an anti-Communist Pacific Union, with President Truman when he saw him yesterday. He said that a joint statement would be issued by him and President Truman shortly.

Asked whether Japan could be regarded as a potential member of a Pacific Pact, President Quirino countered by asking his questioner whether Japan, still occupied by the Allies, could be considered an independent nation.

President Quirino conferred today with Ambassadors and Ministers of numerous Far Eastern and Mid-Eastern nations on his proposed Pacific Union to prevent the spread of Communism.

Meeting At Embassy

Among those who attended the Philippines Embassy for a meeting he called for this subject were the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Wellington Koo, the Indian Ambassador, Madam Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, the Pakistani Ambassador, M. A. H. Isphahani, the Afghan Minister, Mohammad Choudhry, Ceylon's Ambassador, G. C. S. Corea, the Lebanese Minister, Charles Malik, and Syria's Minister, Fariz El Khouri.

The Ambassador of Burma, U. So Nyun, also was there. Others included the Korean Ambassador, Dr. John Chung and the Iraqi Minister, Abdullah Ibrahim Bahr.

During the meeting the Philippines Ambassador, Joaquin Elizalde, called in the United States Ambassador to the Philippines, Mr. Myron Cowan. Mr. Cowan was represented at the meeting by the Embassy First Secretary, Chan Dilokrit Kridakon. The Thai Ambassador, Prince Wan Wathayakon was absent from the city.

The diplomats were at the Embassy one hour and 20 minutes. The meeting broke up at 5:20 p.m.

Soon after the meeting ended, a spokesman for the Philippines Embassy said the occasion was purely social and expressed surprise that any impression has been given that it was for the discussion of any political matter.

He said there were several Ambassadors and Ministers here who already knew President Quirino and individually had expressed the desire to talk with him.

A Surprise

On account of the short time he is in Washington, he invited them to come together instead of singly, the spokesman explained. He denied that the Pacific Union was discussed or that it was intended to discuss it.

Asian diplomats who attended the meeting told the United Press afterward that they were surprised that there was no mention made of the Pacific or South East Asia alliance, although they had expected it to be.

They said the tenor of invitations they received indicated that the meeting was to be a long session devoted to matters of common interest to South East Asians.

One envoy present said it was his impression that something happened between this morning and this afternoon to cause President Quirino to hastily convert it into a social affair.

He said that President Quirino, upon entering the room where various envoys were assembled, looked around and asked for the representative of Indo-China. Upon receiving no answer he then began conversing with various delegates on social affairs. He said Mr. Quirino was called from the room during the affair and spent about 20 minutes on the telephone.—Reuter and United Press.

Navy For East Africa

Nairobi, August 10.

The British defence chiefs have decided to set up an East African Navy, it was announced here today.

The decision was made at last week's meeting of the East African High Commission, which included defence talks.

A Bill will be brought before the Central Legislative Assembly next month, and the Commander-in-Chief East Indies, Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Woodhouse, will discuss with the local authorities what craft are required.

Loans of about £75,000,000 will be needed by the East African Governments and by the self-contained services of the Commission, namely railways and harbours, to meet capital commitments, development schemes, and similar projects up to 1954.—Reuter.

PLANE HIT BY GUNFIRE

Rangoon, August 10.

An Indian passenger aboard an Air Burma passenger plane en route from the rice centre of Myaungmya was wounded in the arm when the plane was hit by ground fire, approaching Maubin, 45 miles west of Rangoon, it was learned from the company headquarters in Rangoon.

Four bullets from a Bren-gun pierced the aircraft, which was flying at a height of 12,000 feet. The plane was piloted by Captain M. Lethian, ex-Royal Air Force.—Associated Press.



QUIRINO SEES JOHNSON

Washington, August 10.

President Quirino today discussed Philippine defence problems with Mr. Louis Johnson, U.S. Defence Secretary.

In a brief meeting with Mr. Johnson at the Pentagon, Head-quarters of the Armed Forces, he outlined the costs of meeting the island's future military plans.

Neither Mr. Quirino nor Mr. Johnson would discuss their conversation with reporters. But an authoritative source said that President Quirino gave Mr. Johnson a statement of the amount of American military assistance the Philippines hopes to obtain under the Global Military Aid Bill now before Congress. Under the current proposal, the Philippines is in line for a major portion of a \$27,000,000 item.

It was indicated that Mr. Quirino might leave behind some of his accompanying military experts to continue defence discussions here.

They might include General Duque, Filemon Rodriguez, Leonides Virata, Lieutenant Colonel Manuel Salientes, and Lieutenant Colonel Jose Razon. They are expected to accompany Mr. Quirino to New York and possibly return here after the President leaves for the West Coast or his return trip home.

From the Pentagon, Mr. Quirino was a luncheon guest of the U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines, Mr. Myron Cowan.—Associated Press.

Top Secret Jet Plane A Success

Hatfield, August 10. A test pilot today took Britain's latest "top secret" jet plane, the four-engined all-jet de Havilland Comet to a height of 30,000 feet (nearly seven miles) but still 3,500 feet lower than the normal operating height.

The Comet has already exceeded 400 miles an hour at reduced engine power in 14 trial flights since her maiden flight on July 27.

To cruise at something approaching 600 m.p.h. per hour—her normal speed—she will have to fly at 40,000 feet—the height at which she is to carry 30 passengers and a crew of four above the weather.

The low wing monoplane has performed in a thoroughly straightforward and easy manner in a series of landing tests ranging from fully nose-heavy to fully tail-heavy, the de Havilland Aircraft Company said.—Reuter.

London Tailor To Be Deported

New York, August 10.

The U.S. Immigration Director, Edward Shaughnessy, announced that Hirsch Teper, London tailor, will be deported as soon as arrangements can be completed.

Teper has been held on Ellis Island since his arrival in February.

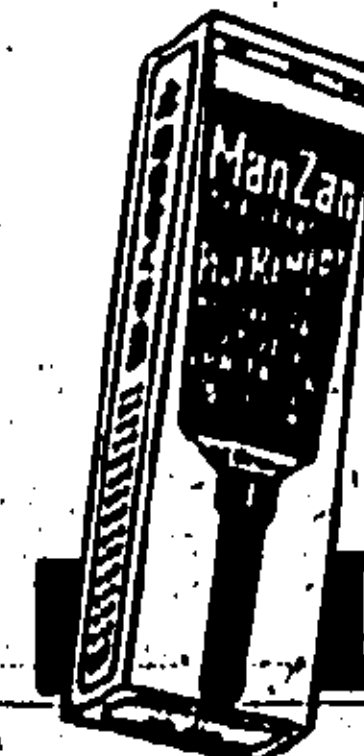
His wife and 17-year-old son, Joseph, have been admitted to the United States.

Teper gave evidence in the British Government tribunal inquiry last autumn which investigated allegations of corruption in Government departments and in which Sydney Stanley, now in Israel, was a principal witness.—Associated Press.

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BRADLEY RULES OUT ARMS AID TO CHINA

DR. HATTA ON HAGUE MEETING

Karachi, August 10. Dr. Mohammed Hatta, Indonesian Republican Prime Minister, said here today that if the round-table conference at The Hague fails to settle Indonesia's future after two months' discussion, the question will be referred to the Security Council.

He told reporters shortly before leaving by air on his way to The Hague: "I do not know what will happen in Indonesia."

Dr. Hatta said that his party is demanding full and unconditional transfer of sovereignty. "We will not be bound by any commitments," he declared.

Referring to Communists in Indonesia, Dr. Hatta said that there are two factions, one of which is loyal to his Government. Communism will grow in Indonesia as long as economic conditions are bad, he said.

"We cannot improve our economic condition if we are not free to carry out our economic plans," Dr. Hatta said in a discussion this afternoon with the Pakistan Premier, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan. Later he met Pakistani Ministers and members of the Diplomatic Corps at ten.

The opening date of The Hague round-table conference on Indonesia's future cannot be fixed unilaterally by the Netherlands Government, it was authoritatively stated at The Hague tonight.

The statement was referring to press reports that the Netherlands Government had fixed the opening date of the conference for August 21.

The date will have to be decided in consultation with the Indonesian delegation, the IFO (Indonesian Federalist) delegation and the United Nations Commission for Indonesia, the statement said.

As Dr. Mohammed Hatta, Indonesian Republican Premier, is expected to arrive in the Netherlands tomorrow, the Dutch Government plans to hold consultations as soon as possible on the opening date and conference preparations.—Reuter.

Aggression Pact In Burma

Rangoon, August 10. A new "double aggression" pact between renegade White Band PVOs and rebel Karens was announced officially today.

It was stated that the pact was signed at a small village in the Pegu district immediately North of Rangoon, between the rival rebel leaders.

Further details are not available.

The Government communiqué meanwhile said that Yekyi on the Bassein-Kenzada railtrack was re-occupied by "peace guerrillas".

The town was previously held by assorted rebel forces.

There is no official recognition of "peace guerrillas" who are thought to be a militarily trained body owing allegiance to the Burmese Government.—Associated Press.

Bucharest, August 10. The Rumanian Ministry of National Defence has decreed that "Tovarash" ("Comrade") must be used in the Army as a term of address and greeting, the Rumanian news agency reported.—Reuter.

Lie's Position On Atlantic Pact

Oslo, August 10. The U. N. Secretary-General, Tryve Lie, has told the Oslo "Aftenbladet" that he did not in any way attack the Atlantic Pact in his speech in Bergen on Monday as some newspaper comments had implied.

Dr. Lie is due to make a speech in Stockholm on Thursday. On Saturday he will be one of the principal speakers at a big meeting in Copenhagen. He will leave for New York by plane on Monday.

"The Atlantic Pact has been sealed in a legal manner, consistent with paragraph 51 of the UN Charter, and neither the General Assembly nor the Security Council has disapproved of the Pact. As Secretary-General I have never given any political statement on the subject," he declared.

"What I did say, was that paragraph 51 is aiming at temporary inequities, and that I personally believe that the opportunity for regional collective self-defence would never be utilized," Dr. Tryve Lie stated.

"That means actually that I do not believe there will be another war, and that the situation eventually will be so peaceful that special agreements in accordance with paragraph 51 will never be necessary."

Smiling, Dr. Lie said he was getting used to being misinterpreted.

"I have been called 'lackey of the capitalist hymns of Wall Street' as well as 'Moscow agent,' paid with stolen Spanish church property," he said, "and I have a feeling that both sides meant to say that they did not exactly feel inclined to agree with me."—Associated Press.

Washington, August 10. General Omar Bradley, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, today ruled out any immediate plans for aid to China.

He said there is no immediate effective way of giving military aid to China.

Testifying before the Joint Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committee he said that European nations had showed a glowing unity in planning for peace but they sorely need materials to support that unity.

The Chiefs of Staff had examined the defence concept of the Western Union and found it in accordance with American strategic thinking.

General Bradley said that the United States aid and encouragement had fostered.

General Bradley said that the most of the arms for Europe under President Truman's \$1,450,000,000 Military Aid Bill should go to rebuild the French Army.

He said he thought it might take five to 10 years for Europe to build up a defence which could halt any possible Eastern aggression.

He described the arms programme as an insurance against war.

Given time, he said, Western Europe could recover its ability to defend itself.

The Nucleus

General Bradley said that Britain, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, France and Belgium are the nucleus of the resistance on which any North Atlantic defence plans must be based.

"Your Joint Chiefs of Staff have examined the defence concept of Western Union and found it is in accordance with our strategic thinking," he said.

General Bradley said: "The U.S. can no longer travel alone because exhaustion of our moral and material resources would be the result."

"For that reason, the Joint Chiefs urge enactment of this legislation."

General Bradley made it clear that the French Army will be the backbone of the North Atlantic defences.

He told the joint committee that the bulk of U.S. military aid proposed for Europe would go to the French, and urged quick approval of the arms programme.

General Bradley did not expand on his reference to the plan to give quick military aid to France. He said that details would have to be given in secret.

Spreading Cost

The Secretary of Defence, Mr. Louis Johnson, told Senators that the military department is willing to accept 60 per cent in cash and 40 per cent in contract authority to launch the arms programme.

Mr. Johnson said that the military authorities are agreeable to spreading the cost of the US\$1,450,000,000 programme over two or even three years.

Mr. Johnson declared that 60 per cent of US\$1,100,000,000 for Western Europe must be cash and the remainder could be authorized to make contracts which would be paid for in cash later.

Mr. Johnson revealed for the first time that the United States now has surplus guns, tanks, planes and other equipment valued at US\$750,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000. That was what the Government paid for the goods when they were purchased before or during World War II. From this total, the Ad-

ministration wants Congressional authority to transfer to free nations \$1,450,000,000 in surplus arms to be written off for \$77,000,000, which is the cost of putting the equipment in operating condition.

Senator William Knowland (Republican, Calif.) asked why the Army had said there were no surpluses available for Chiang Kai-shek last June, in light of the surplus figures given the Committee today.

Mr. Johnson declined to answer in an open session, except to say that the types of weapons needed by China might not have been the type available in the stockpile. He said he would tell the Committee in a secret session the contents by type of stockpile arms China wanted and the types of weapons to be shipped under the new programme.

Senators' Request

Meanwhile, 10 Senators urgently requested Mr. Johnson to call General Douglas MacArthur and Vice-Admiral Oscar Badger home from the Orient to testify on the bill since it deals with a problem which is global in character.

The Senators said they expect to hear the European situation from the Chiefs of Staff, but want to know the Far Eastern situation before voting on the bill.

Already 63 Senators have proposed that US\$175,000,000 of the bill's funds should be allocated for aid to non-Communist China.

Representatives of the 12 Atlantic Pact nations will meet here soon to begin work on putting the 20-year defence alliance into operation, the State Department said today.

The meeting possibly will be held before September 1.

The State Department press officer, Mr. Lincoln White, said informal talks on the defence treaty will begin in the quiet near future between Embassies and Legations of the Atlantic Pact powers and the U.S. State Department. The purpose of the meetings, he said, will be to study and work out the organizational structure of the treaty preliminary to the meeting of the strategic council created under the pact.

The council, which will be composed of the Foreign Ministers, is charged under the treaty with establishing a defence committee immediately. This committee will draft plans to defend the North Atlantic nations against aggression.

Mr. White said no date had yet been set for the Council's first meeting, but it has been reported that the Foreign Ministers might meet in September in connection with the United Nations General Assembly meeting which opens at Flushing, New York on September 20.—Reuter, Associated Press and United Press.

Savold Will Relax In The Country

London, August 10. Lee Savold will box exhibitions and relax in the country until Bruce Woodcock sets the date for their British version of the heavyweight title fight.

The big American will make his headquarters at the country home of a friend, Charles MacArthur, at Ringmer, Sussex.

Meanwhile, Woodcock, whose injuries in a driving accident caused the postponement of the fight set for September 6, was on the mend at his home in Doncaster.

"Bruce is definitely picking up," said his wife Nora.

Woodcock is expected to agree on a new date, probably early in October, within 10 days.

The winner is assured of British recognition as world heavyweight champion.

Jack Solomon, the promoter, has arranged a new show indoors at Harringway Arena for September 6. Dick Turpin will defend his British Empire middleweight title against Dave Sands of Australia.—Associated Press.

POLIO INCREASE

Washington, August 10. The public health Service reported today that 2,451 new polio cases developed in the United States last week.

This was a 25 per cent increase over the previous week's total.—United Press.

CANTONESE BY RADIO

BY S.K. LEE

Lesson 37 (P)

Vocabulary:	
301. (kwong) gwong(1).	Bright. Light.
302. (kam) (3)gum.	To lay a hand on. To press (with the hand).
303. (ch'an) (1)chun.	Dust.
Combinations:	
138. Teen(1) gwong(1).	Day break. Dawn.
139. (3)Gum Joong(1).	To press a bell.
140. Sai(2) (1)chun.	A feast of welcome.
141. Huk(3) hay(3).	Ceremonious. Polite. Formal.
142. (1)M-hoh(3) huk(3)-hay(3).	Don't stand on ceremony. Make yourself at home. Help yourself.
143. (1)M-shai(2) huk(3)-hay(3).	There's no need to be formal, etc.
Transport and Communication:	
163. (3)Dai-(3)yeec Jeeoc(1) yut(1) jee(1)-gwong.	(Continued)
(2)ngaw (yut) dzau hay(2)-shun(1).	I got up at day break the next morning.
164. (3)Dai-(3)yeec Jeeoc(1) yut(1) jee(1)-gwong.	I sent him to buy a newspaper.
165. (2)Ngaw shai(2) (2)kui hui(3) (2)miaye sun(1)- (1)mun-jee(2).	I sat on the sofa reading the newspaper.
166. (2)Ngaw (2)shai hai(2) sun(1)- (1)mun-jee(2).	There was not much news.
167. (2)Moi mut(1)-(2)ych sun(1)-(1)mun.	Just then, a friend came to call on me.
168. Nganm(1)-nganm(1) gaw(2)-(3)jun-(1)shue, (2)you (yut) gaw(3) (1)ping-(2)you (1)lai win(2) (2)ngaw.	He and I had breakfast together.
169. (2)Ngaw (1)toong (2)kul yut(1)-(1)len (3)shik yut(2)- (1)shun(1).	He informed me that some friends wanted to invite me to a welcoming dinner.
170. (2)Kui (3)wuh-(2)ngaw-jee(1) (2)you dee(1) (1)ping-(2)you yeeoc(3) (1)toong (2)ngaw sai(2)-chun.	I said: "There is no need to be so formal."
171. (2)Ngaw (3)wuh: (1)M-shai(2) gom(3) huk(3)-hay(3) lok(3).	He asked me when I would be free.
172. (2)Kui (3)man (2)ngaw kay(2)-(1)shue duk(1)-(1)huan.	I said I had nothing much to do and would be free all the time.
173. (2)Ngaw (3)wuh (2)ngaw (2)mooh mut(1)-(2)ych (3)dzoh, (1)shue-(1)shue doh(1) duk(1)-(1)huan.	Having finished eating breakfast, we then went to Hong Kong together.
174. (2)Ngaw-(3)day (3)shik-(1)yeen dzoh(2)- (1)shun(1) (3)dzau yut(1)-(1)shu(2) hui(3) Heung(1)-gong(2).	(To be continued)

Belgian Cabinet Crisis Over

Brussels, August 10.

M. Gaston Eyskens, Premier-designate, tonight formed a new Catholic Liberal Coalition Government to replace the Caretaker Government of Premier Paul-Henri Spaak.

The formation of a new Cabinet brought to an end the 45-day-old political crisis prolonged since the general election in June by Party differences over the return of King Leopold to the Throne.

The Cabinet will be 15-strong. Eight posts will go to the Catholics, seven to the Liberals.

Unlike M. Spaak, who was also Foreign Minister, M. Eyskens will hold only the post of Prime Minister.

The Foreign Minister will be M. Paul Van Zeeland, veteran Catholic Senator and prowar Prime Minister.

In addition to the 15 Ministers with Portfolios, the full Cabinet will contain two Ministers without Portfolios—one Catholic and the other Liberal.

The Socialists on Saturday refused to join a three-Party Cabinet, but M. Eyskens made a further attempt to bring them in at the request of the Liberals.

The Socialist refusal on Saturday came after provisionally exiled King Leopold had published a declaration on his talks with delegates of the three major parties last week at his Lake-side home at Pregny, near Geneva.

The Socialists want the King to abdicate. They would, however, agree to a referendum of the Belgian people on the question of his returning to the Throne.

The referendum, the Socialists say, must be decisive. If the King did not obtain two-thirds of the vote he should abdicate.

The King replied that to impose a percentage would convert the referendum into an unconstitutional plebiscite. The referendum, he added, must only be a guide to Parliament and himself.

The question of his return to the Throne or abdication must be left to Parliament, he said.—Reuter.

BUS STRIKE IN NEW DELHI

New Delhi, August 10. Army drivers are running New Delhi's State-owned transport system, paralysed since midnight when 1,300 drivers and conductors began a three-day strike. Police are protecting the 200 buses now manned by Army drivers and police conductors.

Old Delhi tram workers have struck in sympathy with the busmen, who demand a wage increase, higher cost of living allowance, uniforms and the recognition of their union.—Reuter.

POLICE HOPES DASHED

Nice, August 10.

Police and private detectives were disappointed today when morning came without their having found from their searches of the men who held up and robbed the Aga Khan and his wife of £125,000 worth of jewels.

Police are still expecting an "amiable restitution" because of the 20,000,000 francs reward offered on a "no questions asked basis."

They believe this is more than the hold-up men could realise if they have the jewel from their settings. They are much more valuable in their settings but no jeweller would buy them.

The investigators were said by the semi-official French Press Agency to have considerably narrowed their field of investigation.

In London, a reward of £13,700 was offered today for clues leading to the arrest and conviction of the gang. The reward was put up by the Aga Khan's London assessors and valuers, Tyler and Company.

The armed thugs got away with £125,000 worth of gems after holding up the Aga Khan and his wife 100 yards from their villa at Le Cannet, near Cannes on the French Riviera.—Associated Press.

Incomes Up In America

Washington, August 10. The U.S. Commerce Department today reported an increase in incomes. American workers' wages were 2.8 per cent higher in the first half of 1949 than in the corresponding period last year.

Annual rate of income so far this year is US\$413,400,000,000. The Department said personal incomes increased during June to the annual rate of US\$419,500,000,000 compared to the March level of US\$412,400,000,000.

The nation's peak annual rate of income was US\$417,000,000,000, reached last December.

The Department attributed the June increase to firmer farm receipts and to the first increase in factory payrolls since last September.—Associated Press.

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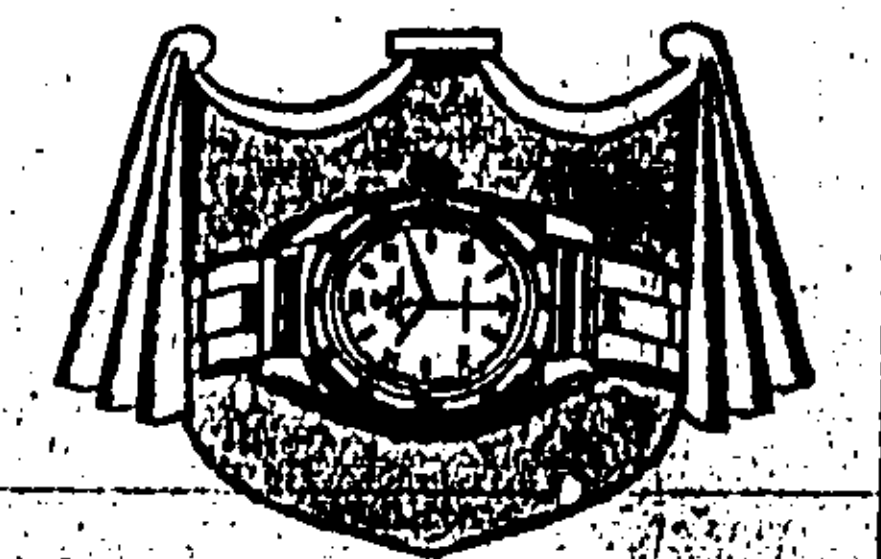
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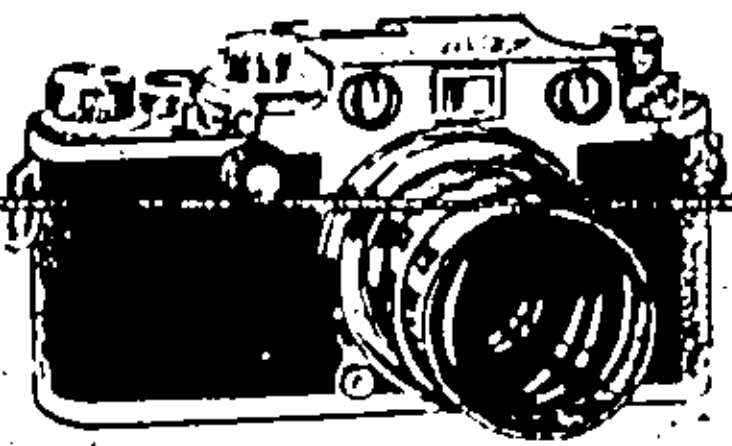
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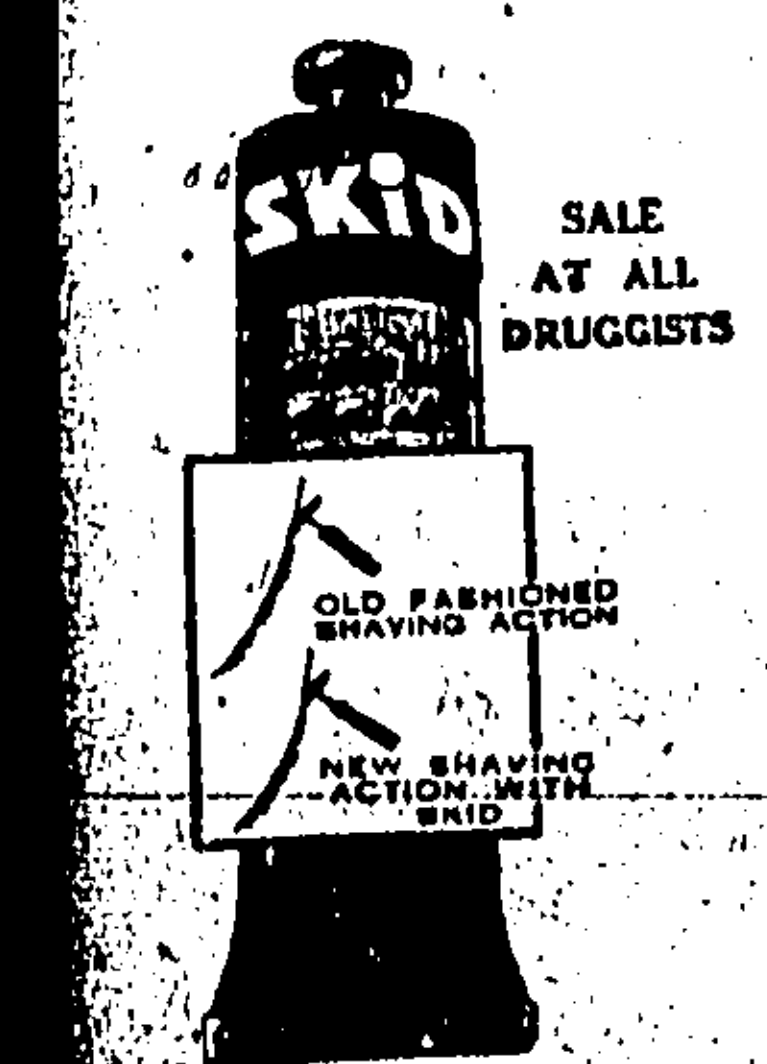
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QUAKE-STRICKEN CITY STARTS TO CLEAR WRECKAGE

Amato, Ecuador, August 10.
Work goes on here, but the hurry is past. The trapped no longer cry out and the tons of stone cannot be removed in a day. A long line of men at Ambato Cathedral are passing boulders hand to hand from a 20-foot pile that was once the roof.

HASTINGS SPEEDWAY SUED

Hastings, August 10.
Back in 1939, Queen Elizabeth ordered that Hastings, on the South Coast of England, should be a place of peace and quiet. It is now alleged that it has not been quiet since a speedway track was built here. To Britons a speedway is a roller coaster on which motor cyclists whizz round several nights a week to the accompaniment of cheers from mothers, fathers, teenagers and the young-sters.

Some residents of Hastings have taken the speedway promoters to court charging that they are breaking Good Queen Bess's Charter. They want the speedway closed down so they can again sit in their gardens among the roses in the peace and quietness that Queen Elizabeth ordained.

A High Court judge will decide on Thursday whether the speedway remains at Hastings.—Associated Press.

Churchill Leaves A Message

Gardone, August 10.
The British Minister of Health, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, arrived here and found a book, a bouquet and a message from his old Parliamentary foe, Mr. Winston Churchill. The message, left at the Grand Hotel where the former British Prime Minister and his wife spent a week's holiday, expressed regret that a personal meeting was impossible. Mr. Churchill left on Tuesday for Strasbourg. Mr. Bevan, accompanied by his wife, Miss Jennie Lee, and friends, motored here from Bolzano on a combined holiday and business visit to Italy.

Mr. Bevan has inspected numerous public health clinics and hospitals and conferred with numerous Italian health officials. The Bevan's are due to leave later today for Varese.—Associated Press.

NY Swelters In Heat Wave

New York, August 10.
The temperature soared to new records along the Eastern seaboard today as the stifling heat wave blanketed the Eastern half of the nation for the fourth day in a row with little relief in sight. New York city's millions sweltered through the hottest day of the year. The mercury shot up to 98.4, which also made it the hottest August 10 on record. At La Guardia field, the thermometer registered 99 degrees while at Newark, N. J., it was 101.

For the second straight day, Mayor William O'Dwyer sent non-essential New York municipal workers home early in the afternoon.—United Press.

The pile now covers the bodies of 60 little girls who died as they were preparing to receive Holy Communion. With them is the body of the priest, struck as he read from the Bible.

Outside the Church, raw-handed men are dumping boulders into a wheelbarrow. They also pick up a hat and a shoe, and a small piece of wood that might have been a human knee.

Above the altar on the rubble heap, the inscription "Sanctus" is still visible, but beside it the eternal flame has gone out. Over the Church entry wall a figure of Christ still stands. Beside it, in the shell of the clock tower of the giant Cathedral, the hands have stopped at 2.10. That is the moment Ambato will never forget. That was the moment the earthquake struck last Friday.

Across the street in the Plaza is one of many homeless families. Their shelter is the altar-cloth.

Epidemic Fears

To prevent disease, the Government is considering burning the neighbouring towns of Pelileo, Pillaro and Patate.

There will not be much to burn. In Pelileo not a house, not a wall, not a doorway, not a cornerstone, not a single stick stands above the 10-foot heap of tiles, bricks, boulders and concrete.

Survivors rummage through the ruins, some searching for their personal belongings. But most are looking for their relatives and friends—people who lie buried in the rubble, some dead and some still alive.

The roads in the Ambato valley are clogged. The refugees are hungry. An American pilot gave a sandwich to an old woman and she sobbed. Only the country lives—the people will work it. But the cities are dead.—United Press.

Chinese Deported By PI

Manila, August 11.
Five Chinese were deported to China late yesterday aboard the ms Tjiladane after the Supreme Court had refused to grant their petition for temporary suspension of the Justice Department's order for their deportation. The five men, formerly school teachers in Batangas, were charged with having engaged in Communist activities, including aid to the Huk.

They had presumably been landed at Amoy. The deportees are Lao Tang Sun, Ng Ba Ho, Lu Bon King, Yap Lim Sun and Gan Ping. They had requested that they be sent either to Shanghai or Hong Kong, but the authorities said no transportation was available for Shanghai and the Hong Kong Government might not be willing to receive them.—United Press.

Washington, August 10.
Russian and American experts started negotiations here today for the return to the United States of three ice-breakers and 28 frigates lent to Russia during the war.—Reuter.

Partially Paralysed Gives Birth

Houston, Texas,
August 10.
A British war bride, partially paralysed in both legs and one arm by polio since July 19, gave birth today to a boy. Attendants said that both the mother, 27-year-old Mrs. Dorothy Edge of Kirbyville, and the baby are doing nicely.

Mrs. Edge is the mother of a three-year-old girl, Hazel, and a 19-month-old son, Michael. The new arrival weighed seven pounds and 14 ounces. Rector Edge, the father, is a saw-mill worker. He met his wife, the then Dorothy Phyllis Bradley of London, while he was stationed in Britain during the war.—United Press.

SUICIDE BY ELECTROCUTION

Mombasa, August 10.
Mukut Narain Sharma, 35, a Punjabi Indian, committed suicide in his hotel room here by attaching the electric wire to his neck, placing a damp cloth over his head and turning on the light switch.

Sharma, an employee of the Kenya Government's Statistical Office in Nairobi, was on holiday here.—Reuter.

GREECE ACCUSED OF ATTACKING ALBANIA

London, August 10.

Albania reported today it has repulsed an attempted invasion by Greece.

Two communiques from the Ministry of Armed Forces, broadcast by the official Albanian Telegraph Agency from Tirana, charged that Greek artillery fired thousands of rounds into Albania and Greek planes dropped bombs on Albanian territory.

Earlier, Radio Tirana had said land fighting was raging on a 30-mile front along the Greco-Albanian border.

The communiques said most of the Greek "provocations" were in the Bozhigram village area of the border, opposite the Grammos mountains where Greek Army units were fighting Communist guerrillas.

The Greco-Albanian frontier is so rugged in the Grammos area that it is marked mostly by sign posts. The few villages on the frontier are sparsely populated.

The invasion charge followed closely the launching of an offensive by the Greek Army against the Greek Communist guerrillas entrenched in the Grammos mountains just South of Albania.

The Greek Government said the rebels hold a triangle based on the Albanian frontier and pointing into North West Greece. It has charged repeatedly that the rebels are supplied and reinforced through Albania.

When previous offensives against the guerrillas in the Grammos mountains have petered out, the Greeks have charged that the rebels escaped into Albania to reform for further sorties.

Radio Moscow said that the "Royalist Fascist forces" of the King were fighting with the guerrillas.

The Greek Embassy in London said that Radio Tirana, every day for more than a week, had been charging the Greek forces with violating the Albanian frontier.

The Greeks dismissed the reports as propaganda, but conceded the possibility of some border clashes.

The first Albanian communique, issued this morning, said one officer and three soldiers were injured in Greek air raids. The alleged invasion attempt was made on Sunday, the radio said.—United Press.

ATHENS CLAIMING SUCCESS

Athens, August 10.

The Greek Army claimed today to have captured important heights in its Grammos offensive but admitted suffering the highest toll of casualties since early March when rebels sacked and pillaged Naoussa.

The Army communique reported 62 soldiers killed, 247 wounded and 14 missing, but claimed to have inflicted heavy losses on the Grammos rebels, killing 110.

Since the major attack got under way five days ago, the Army has suffered 612 casualties compared with 366 by the guerrillas.

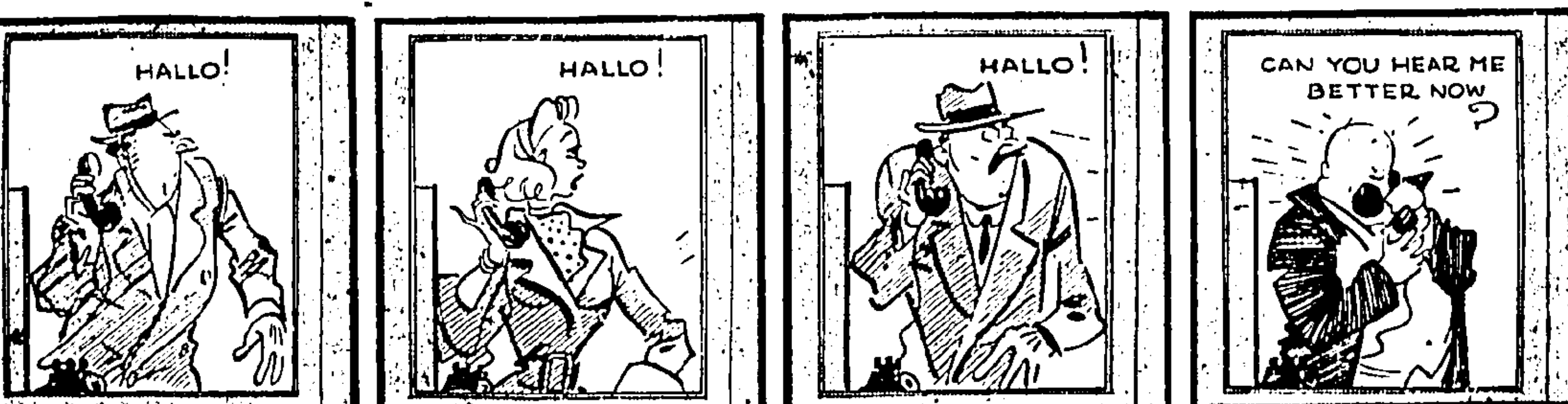
Observers said that the Army's wounded casualties were largely due to extensive minefields laid around the rebel fortified heights in the mountains.

The air force carried out extensive attacks throughout the area.—Associated Press.

London, August 10.

U Maung, the Burmese Foreign Minister, said in London tonight that he does not believe there will be any immediate formation of an Asian defence group against Communism.—Reuter.

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Russian Aggression Not Biggest Worry

London, August 10.

Western European officials are far more worried about the United States and the confusion within the West's own ranks than the possibility of imminent aggression or threat of aggression by Russia.

The officials are also worried about the obvious glee with which the Russian propagandists have pounced upon the West's predicament.

HKDF ORDERS

Orders by Colonel L.T. Rife, CBE, ED, Commandant, Hong Kong Defence Force, dated August 11, 1949:

Demonstration—Sunday, August 14, 1949: (a) Location. This demonstration will take place at the Wu (19925) and Sun Wai (252264) Camps. (b) Hours. 10.00-11.30 hours. (c) Programme. 10.00-11.30 hours. Demonstration of 400-500 troops, equipped with all types of tanks, heavy and light armoured cars, and other vehicles, and equipped with all types of tanks, heavy and light armoured cars, and other vehicles, and equipped with all types of tanks, heavy and light armoured cars, and other vehicles.

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"TJISALENGKA"	16th Sept.	2nd Sept.
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MANILA SAILINGS ARRIVALS

"TJISADANE"	16th August	18th August
"TJISALENGKA"	7th Sept.	30th August
"TJISADANE"	7th Sept.	15th Sept.
"TJISADANE"	15th Oct.	24th Sept.
"TJISADANE"	4th Nov.	

SINGAPORE, PENANG and BELAWAN DELI SAILINGS ARRIVALS

"TJISADANE"	16th Aug.	31st August
"TJISADANE"	16th Aug.	26th Aug.
"TJISADANE"	21st Sept.	17th Sept.

EAST & SOUTH AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA SAILINGS ARRIVALS

"TJISADANE"	7th Sept.	22nd Aug.
"TJISADANE"	4th Oct.	24th Sept.
"TJISADANE"	4th Nov.	

JAPAN SAILINGS ARRIVALS

"TJISADANE"	End Aug.	16th August
"TJISADANE"	End Sept.	Early Sept.
"TJISADANE"	End Oct.	Early Oct.

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EUROPE via MANILA and MALAYA SAILINGS ARRIVALS

"TJISADANE"	End Aug.	16th August
"TJISADANE"	End Sept.	Early Sept.
"TJISADANE"	End Oct.	Early Oct.

JAPAN SAILINGS ARRIVALS

"TJISADANE"	20th Aug.	End Aug.
"TJISADANE"	Early Sept.	End Sept.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

BRITAIN REPORTED TO BE ASKING FOR BIG U.S. LOAN

Washington, August 10.

The British Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks, said today that he has no knowledge about the report that Britain is asking a \$5,000,000,000 five-year American loan.

Republican Senator Kenneth Wherry said on Tuesday that he had heard from the "grapevine" that Britain is asking for a loan.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

There is no improvement in the market.

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CHINESE PLAN FOR INDUSTRY

San Francisco, August 10.

Peiping Radio tonight gave more news about the industrial drive that is going on in Communist-occupied China.

It said that Peiping, former capital of China and traditional cultural centre, will be transformed from a non-productive to an industrial city with the people and the Government co-operating.

The radio also reported that iron, steel and chemical factories in Shanghai are producing substitutes for imported materials, fuel and machinery and that a two-way commodity traffic will be inaugurated between Shanghai and Manchuria.

Under the latter scheme Manchuria will receive industrial machinery and raw materials.

Peiping Radio reported tonight that radio-telephone service between Peiping and Changsha provincial capital of Hunan, was resumed today.

Telegraphic service had earlier been resumed—Reuter.

Outlook For Steel Industry

New York, August 11.

The currently brighter business picture in the steel industry may last into November if there are no big strikes, the "Iron Age," metal-working trade weekly, said today. But a very real threat of labour trouble prevents much optimism, it noted.

"This week the steel companies open their case before the Presidential Fact Finding Board," the publication said, "in an atmosphere completely lacking the goodwill that used to exist between them and their union."

"The threat of an automotive strike, the costly three-day week in the coal mines and the continued sluggishness in some consumer lines cloud the horizon."

The "Iron Age" predicted: "If steel loses its case, the customers are bid farewell to any hope of lower steel prices for some time to come."—Associated Press.

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Hong Kong, August 10, 1949.

Money Market

Money Market — YAN MING

US dollars opened and closed at HK\$1.16 yesterday, fluctuating between \$0.15½ and \$0.17 in the interval.

TT was put through between HK\$1.14 and \$1.16.

Sterling opened at HK\$1.10.50 and closed at \$1.10.

Australian pounds were unchanged at HK\$1.10.

Fluctuating had a marketless day and were quoted at HK\$1.12½, a 100 nominal.

Ticals went up a further 20 cents to HK\$20.50 a 100.

NBI Guilders were stationary at HK\$24 a 100.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR AIR PACT

Oslo, August 10.

Norway and India have started negotiations in New Delhi for a new air agreement, the Norwegian Foreign Office said today.

Norway's negotiator is Mr. Jens Schjerve, her Minister to India.

The countries aim at a permanent pact to replace the six-month agreement signed by the British and Indian Governments in 1947.

The pact is planned to be signed in Bombay and Calcutta on the Hong Kong-Oslo route.

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ARRIVALS FROM

"OYONNAX"	Japan	25th Aug.
"LA MARSEILLAISE"	Marseilles	10th Sept.
"CHINON"	Japan	20th Sept.
"BREST"	Europe	5th Oct.

SAILINGS TO

PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE

"LA MARSEILLAISE" Marseilles via Manila 11th Sept.

FREIGHT SERVICE

"OYONNAX" N. Africa & Europe 26th Aug.

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Java Mail (Everett) American 4033
 Pacific Liberty (Bank) 4440 tons ex
 Lawrence Marquis 463
 Shunking (H & S) British 1492 tons
 Szwantow Capt. D. B. B. British 1492 tons

TODAY

Trieste (Dobson) ex-Halifax.

TOMORROW

Benderson (Lorley) ex-Japan.
 Chokan (Jardine) ex-Indochina.
 Endeavour (Thorn) ex-Atlantic Coast.
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Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

Hts. (Wang Kwei) for Indochina.
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